

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** Sept 23, 2021

**AMENDMENT NO. 2 to Item # 49**

**Resolution File No. 21-611**

**Ordinance File No.**

**COMMITTEE:** Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning

**OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR(S):** Staskunas

**ADD AND/OR DELETE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Single underline and single strikethrough indicate language changed through the first amendment to the original resolution/ordinance.**

**Double underline and double strikethrough indicate language changed through this amendment.**

**Research Services Note: This amendment largely reverts the resolution to the original language prior to the adoption of Amendment 1 at the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning meeting. The amendment also assigns the Director of Strategic Planning, rather than the Director, Office on African American Affairs, to track the health metrics and report to the County Board. A “clean” version of the resolution is shown at the conclusion of this amendment (Beginning on page 4) to indicate how the resolution would read if this amendment is adopted.**

**Amend the WHEREAS clause at or near line 30 as follows:**

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute collaborated to produce the 2020 ~~2021~~ Wisconsin County Health Rankings and Roadmaps of which Milwaukee County ranked 71 ~~70~~ out of 72 counties for health outcomes and health factors; and

**Amend the WHEREAS clause at or near line 50 as follows:**

~~WHEREAS, the Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) is dedicated to improving the condition of the African American community in Milwaukee and has led the normalization of conversations about race and racism at all levels of Milwaukee County government to facilitate institutional change, the Director of Strategic Planning is~~

~~accountable for reporting out the County's progress toward achieving strategic plan outcomes; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Director of Strategic Planning is working collaboratively with leaders across the County to identify strategic focus areas, audit the County's services, and analyze servicing gaps, and develop key performance indicators aligned with the strategic plan; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides critical services for children, youth and their families in Milwaukee County, including behavioral health, youth and family services, disability and housing services that directly impacts individuals and their families and contributes to the overall health of the County; and~~

WHEREAS, the ~~2020~~ 2021 Wisconsin County Health Rankings and Roadmaps report concluded that a pattern of unfair differences exist for people with lower incomes and communities of color when it comes to access to care, air and water quality, community safety, housing opportunities, employment opportunities, quality of care and more; and

~~WHEREAS, the Director of Strategic Planning ~~QAAA~~ and ~~DHHA~~ shall identify and work ~~can work~~ collaboratively with departments to track health outcomes and health factors for Milwaukee County, provide guidance on how to improve health outcomes and health factors within the county, and begin the process of identifying and dismantling those barriers to access mentioned in the report for low income people and people of color thus improving their quality of life and health; and~~

**Amend the BE IT RESOLVED clause at or near line 86 as follows:**

BE IT RESOLVED, ~~the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors asks for the Director of Strategic Planning to create a dashboard of short term and long term goals, in coordination with major partners including but not limited to Milwaukee County municipal leaders, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce, and the Medical College of Wisconsin to envision and display the County's incremental progress~~ aspires to become at least the 68<sup>th</sup> healthiest county in Wisconsin by 2024 as a near term goal on its way to becoming ~~to become~~ the healthiest county in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ~~Office of African American Affairs, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services,~~ Director of Strategic Planning shall track the health metrics identified in the ~~2020 2021~~ Wisconsin County Health Rankings and Roadmaps hereto attached that include quality of life in the County, health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and physical environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ~~Office of African American Affairs~~ Director of Strategic Planning shall provide a written report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors that outlines what the County has done to improve its ~~ranking health outcome measures~~ ranking health on the list of healthiest counties in Wisconsin ~~to at least 68<sup>th</sup> by 2024,~~ and provide recommendations that the County can implement to ~~accelerate its progress to~~ become the healthiest county in Wisconsin, and reviewing the County's current quality of life and health factors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ~~Office of African American Affairs~~ Director of Strategic Planning shall provide a written report to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors quarterly beginning with the October 2021 meeting cycle to ~~share progress on short term and long term development goals development, and~~ provide metrics to help ~~determine demonstrate~~ determine if the County is progressing toward its long term ~~goals achieving the goals.~~ goals.

Research Services Note: To reduce any confusion created by the amendment outlined above, a "clean" version of the resolution is shown below which reflects a adoption of this amendment.

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4 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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6 to set a short-term goal for 2024 for Milwaukee County’s aspiration to become  
7 the healthiest County in Wisconsin and requesting the Office of African  
8 American Affairs (OAAA) and the Department of Health and Human Services  
9 (DHHS) track health outcomes for the County, including quality of life and health  
10 factors including health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and  
11 physical environment  
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14 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 19-397 in April  
15 2019 declaring racism as a public health crisis, committing to changing internal  
16 policies and practices that contribute to racial inequities as an organization, and  
17 advocating for policies and practices that improve the health of communities of  
18 color; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County adopted File No. 20-174 in April 2020,  
21 creating Chapter 108 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances with  
22 the stated goal of achieving racial equity in order to make Milwaukee County the  
23 healthiest county in Wisconsin and with the mission of enhancing the quality of  
24 life in Milwaukee County through great public service; and  
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26 WHEREAS, to help achieve racial equity, Milwaukee County adopted the  
27 Wisconsin Population Health Institute’s Health and Equity Framework which  
28 includes identifying and eliminating racial biases in governmental practices to  
29 eliminate the root causes of systemic and institutional racism; and  
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31 WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of  
32 Wisconsin Population Health Institute collaborated to produce the 2020  
33 Wisconsin County Health Rankings and Roadmaps of which Milwaukee County  
34 ranked 71 out of 72 counties for health outcomes and health factors; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the report measures health outcomes by analyzing counties’  
37 length of life and quality of life, wherein length of life is measured by the number  
38 of premature deaths and quality of life is based on self-reported health statuses,  
39 and the percentage of low birth weight infants; and  
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41 WHEREAS, according to the report, health factors represent things we  
42 can change to improve our health and the health factors that were measured for

43 this report include health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors,  
44 and physical environment; and

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46 WHEREAS, race is a consistent predictor of a person's quality and length  
47 of life, in which black and brown communities have lower access to safe, quality  
48 green spaces and recreation, transportation, healthcare and social services,  
49 affordable housing, education, healthy food options, clean drinking water, and  
50 financial security; and

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52 WHEREAS, the Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) is dedicated to  
53 improving the condition of the African American community in Milwaukee and has  
54 led the normalization of conversations about race and racism at all levels of  
55 Milwaukee County government to facilitate institutional change; and

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57 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human  
58 Services (DHHS) provides critical services for children, youth and their families in  
59 Milwaukee County, including behavioral health, youth and family services,  
60 disability and housing services that directly impacts individuals and their families  
61 and contributes to the overall health of the County; and

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63 WHEREAS, the 2020 Wisconsin County Health Rankings and Roadmaps  
64 report concluded that a pattern of unfair differences exist for people with lower  
65 incomes and communities of color when it comes to access to care, air and water  
66 quality, community safety, housing opportunities, employment opportunities,  
67 quality of care and more; and

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69 WHEREAS, the Director of Strategic Planning shall identify and  
70 collaboratively work with departments to track health outcomes and health  
71 factors for Milwaukee County, provide guidance on how to improve health  
72 outcomes and health factors within the county, and begin the process of  
73 identifying and dismantling those barriers to access mentioned in the report for  
74 low income people and people of color thus improving their quality of life and  
75 health; and

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77 WHEREAS, all County departments are committed to improving the health  
78 of Milwaukee County for the long-term and all departments shall continue to take  
79 actionable steps to improve the quality of life in the county, and health factors  
80 thus moving the county forward with its mission of becoming the healthiest  
81 county in Wisconsin and achieving racial equity; and

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83 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic  
84 Planning, at its meeting of July 14, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-  
85 611 as amended (vote 3-2); now, therefore,

86 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County aspires to become at least the 68<sup>th</sup>  
87 healthiest county in Wisconsin by 2024 as a near-term goal on its way to  
88 becoming to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin; and

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90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of Strategic Planning shall  
91 track the health metrics identified in the 2020 Wisconsin County Health Rankings  
92 and Roadmaps hereto attached that include quality of life in the County, health  
93 behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors and physical environment;  
94 and

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96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of Strategic Planning shall  
97 provide a written report to the County Board that outlines what the County has  
98 done to improve its ranking on the list of healthiest counties in Wisconsin to at  
99 least 68<sup>th</sup> by 2024, provide recommendations the County can implement to  
100 become the healthiest county in Wisconsin, and reviewing the County's current  
101 quality of life and health factors; and

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103 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director of Strategic Planning shall  
104 provide a written report to the County Board quarterly beginning with the October  
105 2021 meeting cycle to provide metrics to help determine if the County is  
106 progressing toward its goal.