

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-59

RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE FOR UNIVERSAL HOME VISITING PROGRAM ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31,2025

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that a multi-year agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, for universal home visiting program academic support as set forth in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto is authorized and approved for the period of October 1,2022 through March 31, 2025, subject to any changes deemed necessary and appropriate by the Corporation Counsel and the Human Service Director.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Donald J. Trottier, Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Robert N. Miller, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

John A. Wisch, Secretary

Prepared by:
Corporation Counsel

Marcus West

Scott Maier

Nick Demske

Jody Spencer

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

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4 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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6 **WHEREAS**, Racine County Public Health Division (RCPH) has been providing
7 postpartum home visiting services to Racine County residents since July 2017, under the name
8 Family Connects Racine County; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, this program was implemented using the Family Connects home visitation
11 model and was offered universally to all new parents following the birth of their child and
12 provided by highly trained Public Health Nurses; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, during the visits, the nurse provided assessment, education, and referrals (if
15 necessary); and

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17 **WHEREAS**, earlier in 2022, it was determined that continuing to implement the program
18 utilizing the Family Connects model was cost prohibitive due to high affiliation and technical
19 assistance fees; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, Family Connects International underwent an organizational restructuring
22 which resulted in unexpected fee structure and programmatic changes that caused RCPH to
23 reassess moving forward with them; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, despite the separation from Family Connects, RCPH Public Health Nurses
26 continue to provide home visits to new parents and infants under the RCPH name; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to root this work in best practice and ensure services are
29 implemented in a scientifically sound manner, RCPH is requesting academic support from
30 University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, RCPH is proposing to work with Drs. Joshua Mersky and Dimitri Topitzes –
33 long standing academic partners with the County in the field of home visitation – to assist with
34 developing our program with a well-defined logic model, theory of change, and best available
35 evidence and practices; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, the goal of this contract is to establish an evidence-informed program that
38 has clear goals, objectives, protocols and is scalable to meet community needs; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the attached contract outlines the scope of work and will be funded by
41 COVID-19 ARPA funds from Department of Health Services, which have already been accepted
42 into RCPH's budget; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, this agreement will advance RCPH towards achieving population-level
45 health outcomes while providing the needed family support, education, and community
46 connections during a crucial time in a child's life.