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A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Milwaukee County Audit Services Division conduct a follow-up audit to the 2010 audit entitled System Changes are Needed to Help Ensure Patient and Staff Safety at the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division

WHEREAS, reports indicate a recent uptick in patient and staff injuries at the Department of Health Services - Behavioral Health Division (BHD); and

WHEREAS, an audit was done in 2010 by the Milwaukee County Audit Services Division detailing the system changes needed at BHD to ensure patient and staff safety; and

WHEREAS, staff and patient injuries can increase the county's liabilities related to health insurance premiums, workers compensation, Family Medical Leave absences, legal issues, and other areas where Milwaukee County may be liable; and

WHEREAS, because the safety of both BHD patients and Milwaukee County employees is a serious concern, a follow-up audit may shed light on additional policies and procedures that need to be implemented to ensure a safe workplace and patient environment; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Milwaukee County to continually manage risks, mitigate losses, and prepare for financial liabilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requests the County Audit Services Division perform a follow-up audit of the Behavioral Health Division regarding injuries related to patients and staff at the Mental Health Complex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the new audit should take into consideration incident reports, staffing levels, unsafe staffing forms, and any other information the Audit Services Division deems necessary to complete its audit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Audit Services Division will report back to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors with its findings as soon as practicable.