

**LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 9, FILE # 031349**

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File # 031349 is a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Health Department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

**Background**

This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) in order to implement measures necessary to prevent, suppress and control communicable disease through fee-exempt testing for clients in the City of Milwaukee.

**Discussion**

1. Under the terms of this MOU, fee-exempt testing will be provided for clients unable to pay for health care services or for clients without health insurance. Qualifications for low-income clients have been established by the ARCW.
2. This agreement will permit the ARCW to submit specimen samples to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene for analysis as a partner of the City of Milwaukee Health Department.
3. In practice, ARCW will be able to conduct Hepatitis C testing for its qualified clients under the MHD fee-exempt contract with the State of Wisconsin Laboratory of Hygiene.
4. This memorandum of understanding is to be reviewed annually and may be terminated by either party by providing a 30-day written notice.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this resolution.

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