DANE COUNTY POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE

✓ Original Update Sponsor: Sup. Paul Rusk	Substitute No Resolution No
Vote Required:	Ordinance Amendment No. 2015 OA-007
Majority Two-Thirds ✓	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

Establishing Fees for Brief Focused Assessments

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

Amending Chapter 62 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, establishing fees for a Brief Focused Assessment (BFA). Brief Focused Assessments offer an alternative to comprehensive child custody and physical placement evaluations/studies. They are appropriate when family court cases present with concrete issues, limited in scope. BFA's assist the court's decision-making by providing answers to well-defined specific questions

Current Policy or Practice -

This service is offered as another option to the current mediation and custody evaluations.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

This will provide families and the court another option for assessment when the subject matter is singular. In situations where their is reluctance to enter into a comprehensive study, this assessment may be more appropriate.

Fiscal Estimate:

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -	Budget Effect (check all that apply)		
No Fiscal Effect	No Budget Effect		
	Increases Rev. Budget		
Results in Expenditure Increase	Increases Exp. Budget		
Results in Revenue Decrease	Decreases Rev. Budget		
Results in Expenditure Decrease	Decreases Exp. Budget		
	Increases Position Authority		
	Decreases Position Authority		
	Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required		

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

It is not anticipated that this new service will adversely affect the current comprehensive study request, but offer another option to the court for assessment when the subject matter is narrow. It is anticipated that this will generate a modest additional income for our department

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current	Year	Annua	lized		Current	Year	Annua	lized
Expenditures -	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Revenues -	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Personal Services					County Taxes	\$11,000			
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital					Other				
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

This resolution provides the authority for our department to assess and collect fees for Brief Focused Assessment.

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