Future State Model Draft Recommendations

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What is Milwaukee County?

- 18 County Supervisors
- 8 elected offices:
  - Clerk of Circuit Court
  - Comptroller
  - County Clerk
  - District Attorney
  - Register of Deeds
  - Sheriff
  - Treasurer
  - County Executive
- Hundreds of services

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Project Background

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Project Purpose

The Future State project grew out of the County's vision:
to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin by achieving racial equity.

The Milwaukee County Future State Project will enable us to **reimagine** how we best serve Milwaukee County residents.

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Project Goals

County Vision:

By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee County is the healthiest county in Wisconsin.

01 Health Equity

02 Innovation

03 Fiscal Responsbility

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Why Equity Matters

Milwaukee County is working to ensure that **access, opportunity, and prosperity are available to all**, which can enhance County assets and strengthen the whole community.

We focus on equity to ensure we are **uplifting more people – not less.** We do that by ensuring we meet the needs of **people who live across our County, including:**

- Older adults
- Veterans
- Youth
- People with disabilities
- Other dimensions of identity like race, gender, religion, income, and geography

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Draft Future State Recommendations

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Draft Public Health and Social Services Recommendations

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
1. Unified, Equity-Driven Public Health System	Equal access to health services across Milwaukee County and improved health and health outcomes for county residents.
2. No Wrong Door	Everyone in Milwaukee County can get help easily, no matter what office they visit.
3. Integrated Case Management	Provides a full picture of each person receiving services so the County and its partner service providers can tailor programs and services to better meet individual needs.
4. Mobile Service Delivery and Community Navigators	Mobile vans and pop-up stations travel to neighborhoods with the highest level of unmet needs, increasing access for residents who need the most help.
5. More Funding for the Birth to Three Program	Children at the earliest stage of life get the support they need to learn, grow and thrive.

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Draft Housing Recommendations

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
6. Unified, Integrated Prevention-Focused Housing System	Brings together all services and programs in the region to help make sure residents have homes and can stay safely housed.
7. Rapid Access to Safe and Appropriate Housing for Youth	Groups serving youth work together in one connected system to make sure housing comes first, not last.
8. Housing Stability for Older Adults	Housing becomes a main focus so people can stay in their homes and easy to solve problems do not become emergencies.

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Draft Community Engagement Recommendation

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
9. Enhanced Community Engagement and Understanding of County Services	Residents understand what the County does and have more power in shaping important decisions about budgets, rules, programs and services.

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Draft Criminal Justice/Legal Services Recommendations

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
10. Increased Access to Legal Resources	Better legal support for residents going through the civil court system and more stable lives for families.
14. Criminal Justice/Public Safety Recommendation - Placeholder	

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Draft Transit Recommendation

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
11. Regional Transit Authority	Extends transit services regionwide, improving access for all residents of the county, particularly those with less money and special needs.

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Draft Parks and Zoo Recommendation

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
12. A Special Purpose District for Parks and Zoo	Provides dedicated tax levy funding to pay for daily operations and long-needed repairs and improvements, protecting a highly valued resource for county residents.

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Draft County Operations/Governance Recommendations

Recommendation	Benefits to People and the Community
13. Shared Services	The County, City of Milwaukee and other local governments consolidate services to lower costs, share resources, and make better use of public dollars.
15. County Governance/Board Structure Recommendation – Placeholder	
16. Revenue/Taxation/Growth Recommendation - Placeholder	

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Questions?

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Discussion Questions

- What are your initial thoughts about this recommendation / proposed change?
- In what ways do you think this proposed recommendation will help you, your family, or the community?
- What concerns, if any, would you have if Milwaukee County moved forward with this change?
- What, if anything, would you change about this recommendation to make it more effective/helpful?

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