**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2018**

**Authorizing to contract with netsmart to enhance the electronic record system**

**Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [X] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted**

***Background:*** The Sauk County Department of Human Services utilizes an electronic medical record (EMR), through the Avatar system from Netsmart. This electronic record greatly enhances the efficiency of record keeping within the Department and is a step toward meeting Federal interoperability recommendations.

In order to meet the unique needs of an organization, the evolution of an EMR requires numerous customizations and system configurations. This is an iterative process requiring both clinical and technical expertise. The Joxel Group, a consultant and subcontractor of Netsmart, has this expertise. They also have experience in working with government entities and can facilitate the development of best practices for the use of electronic medical records. The Joxel Group has agreed to work with Sauk County and to assist in the development these practices and further enhance the utility of this EMR.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, and hereby authorizes the Sauk County Department of Human Services to contract with Netsmart in order to enhance the utility of the previously purchased medical record and greatly enhance its use at a cost of $61,000.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on August 21, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

**SAUK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

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**Fiscal Note:** Funding for this project is provided in the 2018 budget for the Sauk County Department of Human Services.

**MIS Note:** No MIS Impact.