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## Creation of citywide mental health needs assessment survey adopted at Council

The Common Council today (Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>) voted to adopt Common Council file #201411 – a substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration and the Commissioner of Health, in collaboration with the Board of Health, to work with the National Research Center at Polco to draft benchmarks as well as a scope of work, outreach plan and implementation schedule for a citywide mental health needs assessment survey. The File was sponsored by **Alderman Chantia Lewis**, and comes at a time when data indicates individuals are dealing with an increase in anxiety, depression and other mental health issues.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated mental health issues across our city, state and country, and this survey will be another tool that the Milwaukee Health Department can utilize to more effectively provide mental health services,” said Alderman Lewis. “I want to thank my colleagues for unanimously supporting this file, and seeing the need for this action and how it can support our city long term.”

The initiative will be spearheaded by the Board of Health in partnership with Wisconsin based Polco - a leading civic engagement technology firm - and the National Research Center.

The Department of Administration and the Commissioner of Health will report to the Common Council by May 31, 2021, the progress made in designing a citywide mental health needs assessment survey.