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Supervisor Ryan Clancy - District 4

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Clancy Applauds Efforts to Provide Healthy Food to Individuals in County Care, Considers Restart of Farm

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Ryan Clancy expressed his appreciation Thursday for a recent offer from the Hunger Task Force to provide healthy food to the House of Correction (HOC) and Jail, and said he hopes to restore the County’s Work Farm program, which allows people in the care of Milwaukee County to perform farm labor and develop related skills.

*“I welcome Hunger Task Force’s proposed donation of healthy food to the Jail and House of Correction as a way to immediately reduce harm, and I look forward to collaborating with Hunger Task Force to restore the County’s Work Farm program. Using vendors like Aramark who are motivated by profit harms both the people in our care and their families,” said **Clancy**.*

In a letter to Supervisor Clancy, Hunger Task Force Executive Director Sherrie Tussler offered to immediately begin providing a variety of healthy foods to the County Jail and HOC.

*“There is no reason whatsoever for any person living in Milwaukee County to be hungry, including those people who are institutionalized. Hunger Task Force would like to offer a remedial solution by offering foods we have on hand to help feed people who are in our custody,” said **Hunger Task Force Executive Director Sherrie Tussler**.*

House of Correction Superintendent Chantell Jewell also welcomed the proposal.

*“The House of Correction is committed to comprehensively meeting the needs of our residents. This collaboration will allow us to provide additional fresh and healthy snacks, which will contribute to the wellness of individuals in our care,” said **Superintendent Chantell Jewell**.*

Supervisor Clancy is developing a proposal to collaborate with HOC and Hunger Task Force to restart the Work Farm program, which for decades served as a County workforce development program where people in custody grew food, raised cows and pigs, and produced milk.

Hunger Task Force grows about 500,000 pounds of produce each year on 200 acres of land that was previously known as the Milwaukee House of Correction’s Work Farm. In 2012, Hunger Task Force [signed a 30-year lease](#) with Milwaukee County Parks to operate the farm.

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