

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Human Services Board  
INITIATED BY

Human Services Board  
SUBMITTED BY



Jennifer Thompson,  
LTS/ADRC Division Manager  
DRAFTED BY

February 26, 2016  
DATE DRAFTED

**Creating 1.0 FTE Adult Protective Services/WATTS/Court Services Position**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Family Care bill (AB 453) was signed by Governor Walker on Tuesday, January 26,  
2 2016. AB 453 requires the Family Care Benefit and self-directed services options to be provided in Rock  
3 County and implemented beginning July 1, 2016; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, as Rock County plans for the transition of the Human Services Department and  
6 Developmental Disability Board Waiver clients to Family Care, it must also prepare for integration of the  
7 functions for which Rock County still holds responsibility. This includes the Adult Abuse and Neglect  
8 investigations not only for the Human Services Department but the Developmental Disabilities Board;  
9 and,  
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11 **WHEREAS**, currently, HSD has 1.0 FTE allocated to APS functions and recently received approval for  
12 an additional 1.0 FTE Adult Protective Services (APS)/WATTS position to assist in investigations for  
13 frail elderly and physically disabled adults when Family Care is implemented. However, as the clients  
14 served by the Developmental Disabilities Board transition to Family Care an additional (APS) position  
15 will be needed to assist with APS investigations involving adults with developmental disabilities. The  
16 duties of this position would also include the DD Board guardianship cases, WATTS reviews, and court  
17 protective services components; and,  
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19 **WHEREAS**, APS cases have continued to increase. Abuse/neglect incidents has gone up 10% from  
20 2013 to 2014 and another 18% from 2014 to 2015. It is expected that these numbers will continue to rise  
21 with the new Managed Care Organizations overseeing the clients in Family Care. These cases also tend  
22 to be complex and are time consuming to monitor; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS**, for the reasons above, HSD requests creating an additional 1.0 FTE Adult Protective  
25 Services/ WATTS position to assist with the increased caseload related to the developmental disabilities  
26 target group.  
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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
29 this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, does hereby authorize the creation of 1.0 FTE  
30 APS/WATTS/Court Services position.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the creation of a 1.0 FTE APS/WATTS/Court Services position. Sufficient appropriation authority is available in the HSD budget for the cost of this position.

*Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.22(2), Wis. Stats.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

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## Executive Summary

### Creating 1.0 FTE Adult Protective Services/WATTS/Court Services Position

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Currently, HSD has 1.0 FTE allocated to APS functions and recently received approval for an additional Adult Protective Services (APS)/WATTS position to assist in investigations for frail elderly and physically disabled adults when Family Care is implemented. However, as the clients served by the Developmental Disabilities Board transition to Family Care an additional (APS) position will be needed to assist with APS investigations involving adults with developmental disabilities. The duties of this position would also include the DD Board guardianship cases, WATTS reviews, and court protective services components.

APS cases have continued to increase. Abuse/neglect incidents has gone up 10% from 2013 to 2014 and another 18% from 2014 to 2015. It is expected that these numbers will continue to rise with the new Managed Care Organizations overseeing the clients in Family Care. These cases also tend to be complex and are time consuming to monitor.

For the reasons above, HSD requests creating an additional 1.0 FTE Adult Protective Services/ WATTS position to assist with the increased caseload related to the developmental disabilities target group. Budgetary authority for this position is currently within the HSD Budget.