

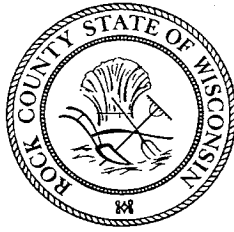
**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY

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Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

December 16, 2020
DATE DRAFTED



Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers

1 **WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate
2 unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits
5 counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing
6 and counseling; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal
9 ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state’s population; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding
14 for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons,
17 including:

- 18 • The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- 19 • The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as
20 outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health
23 Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding
26 formula, such as:

- 27 • Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs
28 (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date
29 (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- 30 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and
31 social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- 32 • The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin’s aging and disability
33 populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20
34 years;
- 35 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and,
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37 **WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the
38 stakeholder advisory group; and,
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40 **WHEREAS**, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding
41 statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum,
42 and equalize services among ADRCs; and,
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44 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor’s
45 Task Force on Caregiving.

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- 46 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock Board of Supervisors duly assembled this
 47 14th day of January, 2021, does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state
 48 biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and
 49 disability populations:
- 50 • Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note
 51 that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full
 52 \$27.4 million is allocated.
 - 53 • Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - 54 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - 55 ○ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - 56 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - 57 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - 58 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - 59 ○ Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - 60 ○ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and,

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 62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA
 63 Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association
 64 and all area legislators.

Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

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Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
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