

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Lou Peer and Board of
Health Citizen Representative
Deb Kolste
INITIATED BY



Josh Smith
DRAFTED BY

September 22, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

Board of Health
SUBMITTED BY

Allocating American Rescue Plan Funding to HealthNet of Rock County to Address Health Inequities Exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on disadvantaged populations,
2 including those who are uninsured and underinsured; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, of the approximately 49,500 Rock County residents who receive BadgerCare or are
5 uninsured, about 8,500 came to be in this position due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, in the most recent County health rankings, Rock County is the lowest quartile for both
8 health outcomes and health factors; and
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Public Health Department recognizes access to quality healthcare services
11 as a social determinant of health and recognizes that established, well-known, health care providers, such
12 as HealthNet, are key partners in improving health outcomes; and,
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, the Health Equity Alliance of Rock County (HEAR) has identified Mental Health and
15 Access to Care as priorities for improving the health of people who reside in Rock County; and
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, HealthNet of Rock County has increased the number and level of services provided during
18 the COVID-19 pandemic to address the increase in need in the community, including by providing
19 vaccines at the Rock County jail and to many populations in the community; and,
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- 21 **WHEREAS**, under its contract with Rock County to provide services to those who are or could become
22 clients of the County requiring health care, HealthNet reported that it has provided dental services to 87
23 inmates in the jail so far this year; and
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, research has proven that dental health is important to an individual’s overall health, yet is
26 often an area that is overlooked and for which it is challenging to find funding; and
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- 28 **WHEREAS**, HealthNet would like to expand its dental services that would allow it to increase by 30 the
29 number of inmates it serves at the jail through December 2022, in addition to serving an additional 50
30 individuals with developmental disabilities from the community who are on Medicaid by December
31 2023; and
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- 33 **WHEREAS**, mental health has been negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic, access to
34 treatment for substance use disorders will remain a need during the transition into recovery from the
35 pandemic, and HealthNet would like to expand its medication-assisted treatment program to serve an
36 additional 20 women by June 2023; and
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- 38 **WHEREAS**, providing these one-time funds is consistent with the allowable uses of ARPA and both
39 addresses a portion of the immediate need in the community and provides a long-term investment in
40 dental health.
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42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
43 this _____ day of _____, 2021, does hereby allocate \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan
44 Act (ARPA) funding to HealthNet of Rock County in the following manner: \$176,281 to help fund the
45 purchase of dental equipment; \$15,000 to provide dental services to developmentally disabled residents;
46 \$5,000 to provide medication-assisted treatment to 20 women; and \$3,719 to provide dental services to 30
47 additional inmates at the Rock County jail.

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49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the 2021 Rock County budget be amended as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>10/1/2021</u>	<u>INCREASE</u> <u>(DECREASE)</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
19-1980-0000-42100			
ARPA Funding	7,515,000	\$200,000	\$7,715,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
19-1980-1601-64000			
Medical Supplies	-0-	\$176,281	\$176,281
19-1980-1601-62189			
Medical Services	-0-	\$18,719	\$18,719
19-1980-1111-62189			
Medical Services	-0-	\$5,000	\$5,000

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HEALTH

/s/Louis Peer
Supervisor Louis Peer, Chair

/s/Dr. Connie Winter
Dr. Connie Winter, DDS, Vice Chair

/s/Tricia Clasen
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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0

/s/Mary
Mawhinney 10/14/2021
Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date

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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2021 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Providing health services to low-income and disadvantaged populations that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic is an appropriate use of ARPA funds. Furthermore, HealthNet's new facility is located in a Qualified Census Tract, which under ARPA provides for a broader use of funds. Using ARPA funds to support HealthNet would allow for the improvement of local public health infrastructure while allowing other County resources to be directed to other priorities.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

These payments will be funded by the County's APRA allocation. No other County matching funds are required.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director