

RESOLUTION 2015 - 36

Re: Support Retaining Current ADRC and Family Care Program Model

WHEREAS, an ADRC enables individuals with physical disabilities, cognitive disabilities and the frail elderly to remain in their own homes to avoid institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, an ADRC has been proven to reduce the cost per member for publicly funded long-term care services while receiving very high customer satisfaction ratings; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walker's 2015-2017 budget proposal would restructure Wisconsin's long-term (LTC) Family Care Program and has the potential to dismantle existing county Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC); and

WHEREAS, input regarding the proposed changes was not sought from people who receive long-term care services; their families; aging and disability advocates; local officials; Managed Care Organizations; ADRCs; provider agencies; the State Long-term Care Advisory Council or legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget would replace the existing Managed Care Organizations with statewide (potentially for-profit) health insurance companies that will provide primary and acute health care as well as long-term care service using a non-bid process; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget would give authority to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to eliminate county-run ADRC's by contracting out many of their functions; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin ADRCs are a nationally recognized model for providing the public with resources and options counseling that assist individuals and their families to maximize personal assets and resources before accessing and relying on publicly funded long-term care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Vilas County Board, in session this 26th day of May, 2015 that Vilas County supports Wisconsin retaining its existing, successful and cost-effective model of ADRCs and Family Care until stakeholders are included in pursuing opportunities to improve the quality and effectiveness of the long-term care delivery system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to provide a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, State Senator Tom Tiffany, Representatives Rob Swearingen and Janet Bewley and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY: Vilas County Supervisor

s/ Ery Teichmiller