

SYNOPSIS: SUPPORT COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL FOR POPULATION HEALTH
INTRODUCED BY: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Columbia County:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has no dedicated, stable Federal and State funding sources for communicable disease control and prevention efforts; and,

WHEREAS, a strong public health infrastructure is paramount to the health of all citizens; and,

WHEREAS, emerging and existing communicable diseases threaten health security, economies, and quality of life for all; and,

WHEREAS, communicable diseases such as ebola, H1N1, measles, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, influenza, syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea, rabies, hepatitis, legionellosis, polio, and pertussis can threaten the lives and well-being of Wisconsin residents; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 Public Health Nurses in Columbia County followed up on 472 reportable cases of communicable diseases; and,

WHEREAS, bloodborne pathogens that cause long-term disease such as Hepatitis C are occurring at unprecedented rates in Columbia County and Wisconsin – rates that are accelerating as a result of the opiate epidemic; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin local health department communicable disease programs protect residents by investigating and controlling communicable diseases, collecting data, educating the community about prevention and the importance of immunizations, and caring for those affected by these diseases; and,

WHEREAS, evidence in the scientific literature indicates that partner notification services are not adequately assured in the absence of specific public health staff involvement; and,

WHEREAS, local health departments and the State of Wisconsin have demonstrated commitment, competence, and success in assuring the confidentiality of persons with reported communicable disease for decades; and,

WHEREAS, communicable disease control is one of the ten essential functions of public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State of Wisconsin, in its 2017-19 state biennial budget, support funding to local health departments for communicable disease control and prevention efforts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB), area legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association urging the State Legislature to develop and enact bipartisan support for funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence based communicable disease control and prevention for the public's health.

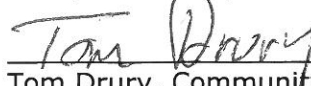
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Fiscal Impact: None

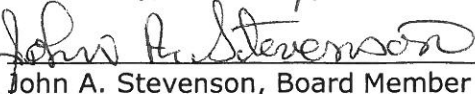


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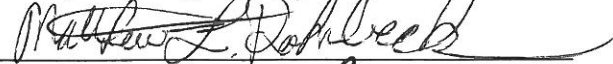
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of the original of which I am legal custodian
for the County Clerk of Columbia County.

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11.17.16

Date