WOODBURY COUNTY

RESOLUTION

Introduced by
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Health & Human Services Committee

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To support AB-76/SB-103-The CNA Training Bill

FISCAL NOTE: None

WHEREAS, Certified Nursing Assistant federal training regulations require no less than 75 hours of training with at least 16 hours being supervised practical training; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s classroom hours prerequisite is in excess of the federally mandated 75 hours required under 42 CFT 483.152(a) for nursing aide training; and

WHEREAS, facility providers are mandated through regulation to assure that care is being provided by properly trained and qualified staff and facility-based training requirements should address this need; and

WHEREAS, quality care indicators are impacted by a variety of variables, not just Certified Nursing Assistant training hours; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, recruitment challenges for nursing aides, in particular Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), has resulted in staffing shortages at Edgewater Haven and Norwood Health Center; and

WHEREAS, both facilities are currently using staffing agencies to cover shifts, which significantly increases the cost of care; and

WHEREAS, the need for CNAs will further increase as Wood County’s population continues to age; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has implemented Fast Forward and other grants in an attempt to spur the number of people entering nursing aide training programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to request the State of Wisconsin adopt the federal requirement that a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program consist of no less than seventy-five (75) clock hours of training.

[Signatures]

County Clerk

County Board Chairman