

**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 128—2018-19

Supervisor Gabrielson moved, seconded by Supervisor Patience, for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 128—2018-19 IS ADOPTED.

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Voting Results for Res. No. 128 - Request increased Medicaid funding for nursing home facilities

Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **34** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: **2**

1 - THOMPSON			YES
2 - MILLER			YES
3 - GRADY			ABSENT
4 - PATIENCE			YES
5 - GABRIELSON			YES
6 - KONETZKE			YES
7 - HAMMEN			YES
8 - N. THYSSEN			YES
9 - KRUEGER			YES
10 - LAMERS			YES
11 - DILLENBERG			YES
12 - MC DANIEL			YES
13 - WEGAND			YES
14 - DE GROOT			YES
15 - PETERSON			YES
16 - SCHROEDER			YES
17 - CROATT			YES
18 - SPEARS			YES
19 - MARCKS			YES
20 - THOMAS			YES
21 - T. THYSSEN			YES
22 - HAGEN			YES
23 - KLEMP			YES
24 - IVERSON			YES
25 - NOOYEN			YES
26 - DUNCAN			YES
27 - CULBERTSON			YES
28 - STURN			YES
29 - BUCHMAN			YES
30 - WOODZICKA			YES
31 - CLEGG			YES
32 - VANDERHEIDEN			ABSENT
33 O'Connor-Schevers			YES
34 - RETTLER			YES
35 - MELCHERT			YES
36 - SUPRISE			YES

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAJORITY

1 Outagamie County Brewster Village (BV), a short-term rehabilitation and long-
2 term care community, is facing a significant worker shortage which is forcing
3 staff burnout (turnover), overtime expenses, and may potentially limit admissions.
4 Wages for Certified Nursing Assistants, Life Enrichment Specialists, and
5 Homemakers at BV are directly competing with non-health care entities and
6 contributing to healthcare worker shortages.

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8 Inadequate Medicaid payment rates have made it extremely difficult for long-term
9 care providers to attract and retain qualified caregivers. In addition, over 30
10 Wisconsin nursing homes have closed since 2008, primarily because of
11 inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates. These closures will have an impact on
12 future skilled nursing home care as the population of residents over 85 years of
13 age grows.

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15 Medicaid deficits sustained by Wisconsin's nursing facilities are mounting.
16 Wisconsin nursing facilities experienced a \$352.5 million Medicaid deficit in
17 FY16. Wisconsin nursing facilities on average lose \$63.04 per day for each
18 Medicaid resident. Brewster Village's loss is at approximately \$100 per day for
19 each Medicaid resident.

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21 Private pay nursing home rates are \$255 per day (long-term care) and \$385 per
22 day (short-term intensive rehabilitation services). The current resident Medicaid
23 rate for these same services is approximately \$155 per day. This low rate results
24 in an annual deficit for Brewster Village of approximately \$4,000,000 which falls
25 on local taxpayers through the tax levy. It should be noted that the County would
26 pay this annual amount for residents even if Brewster Village was not part of the
27 County. It is the low Medicaid reimbursement rate that causes the increased cost
28 to the local taxpayer.

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30 Much has been done locally and statewide to provide alternative care for residents
31 in need of help with daily living needs. Homemaker services, assisted living and
32 other types of care have reduced the need for long term care for many residents.
33 However, at some point, most elderly residents will require long term, 24/7 care
34 in a skilled nursing home facility like Brewster Village. The number of people
35 over the age of 85 with these needs will grow significantly over the next 25 years.

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37 This resolution requests that Medicaid funding for nursing home facilities be
38 increased significantly in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget
39 in order to address shortcomings related to nursing home staff shortages, and
40 overall funding deficits.

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NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby respectfully request that Medicaid funding for nursing home facilities be increased significantly in each fiscal year of the 2019-21 Wisconsin state budget in order to address shortcomings related to nursing home staff shortages and overall funding deficits. This investment will ensure that Outagamie County Brewster Village can continue to effectively provide short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing services designed to meet individuals' social and medical needs, and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin Department of Administration Secretary, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Outagamie County Brewster Village Administrator, and the Outagamie County Lobbyist for distribution to the Legislature.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2018.


Respectfully Submitted,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE



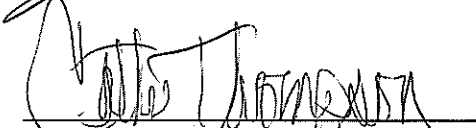
Dan Gabrielson



Justin Krueger



Christine Lamers



Cathy Thompson

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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: December 11, 2018

Signed: [Signature]
Board Chairperson

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County Clerk

Approved: 12.13.18

Vetoed: _____

Signed: [Signature]
County Executive