



DOOR COUNTY

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate
2 unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits
5 counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing
6 and counseling; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal
9 ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and
14 funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons,
17 including:

- 18 • The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- 19 • The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined
20 in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health
23 Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding
26 formula, such as:

- 27 • Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs (Generation
28 One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three
29 ADRCs);
- 30 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social
31 inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- 32 • The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability populations
33 continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- 34 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of
37 the stakeholder advisory group; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding
40 statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum,
41 and equalize services among ADRCs; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor's
44 Task Force on Caregiving..



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ROLL CALL Board Members table with columns: Aye, Nay, Exc. and rows for board members including AUSTAD, BULTMAN, CHOMEAU, COUNARD, D. ENGLEBERT, R. ENGLEBERT, ENIGL, FISHER, GAUGER, GUNNLAUGSSON, HEIM PETER, KOHOUT, LIENAU, LUNDAHL, NORTON, ROBILLARD, THAYSE, VIRLEE, VLIES WOTACHEK, VOGEL, and District 7 Rusnak.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Door County Board
2 of Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23
3 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by
4 ADRCs to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
• Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
o Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
o Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
o Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
o Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
o Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
o Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
o Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to
22 Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, Interim DHS
23 Secretary Karen Timberlake, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all
24 area legislators.
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BOARD ACTION
Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum
Motion to Approve Adopted [checked]
1st Norton Defeated []
2nd R. Englebert []
Yes: 2 No: 0 Exc: 0

Reviewed by: [Signature], Corp. Counsel
Reviewed by: [Signature], Administrator
FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal implication with the adoption of this resolution. STW

SUBMITTED BY: The Health and Human Services Committee

[Signature] Megan Lundahl, Chairperson
[Signature] Nissa Norton

Vinni Chomeau
[Signature] Susan Kohout

James F. Heise, MD
Christa Krause
Mark Moeller
Robert Rau

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26th day of January, 2021 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.

[Signature]
Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County