



RUSK COUNTY

RESOLUTION # 21-03

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL			
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14. LISA DOBROWOLSKI			
15. TOM HANSON			
16. JOSH UNTERSHEUTZ			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM			
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			
19. KEN BROWN			
TOTAL			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Hraban Defeated

2nd Schneider

No: _____ Yes: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26 day of January, 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.


 Connie Meyer
 County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to
 2 get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a
 3 disability; and
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 5 **WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and
 6 benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and
 7 enrollment processing and counseling; and
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 9 **WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-
 10 county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that
 11 work with an ADRC; and
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 13 **WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population;
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 16 **WHEREAS**, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade,
 17 and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and
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 19 **WHEREAS**, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of
 20 reasons, including:
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- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

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 23 **WHEREAS**, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the
 24 Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017
 25 to discuss ADRC funding; and
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 27 **WHEREAS**, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the
 28 current funding formula, such as:
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- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and

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 31 **WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the
 32 recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and
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 34 **WHEREAS**, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC
 35 funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services
 36 contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and
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WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor's Task Force on Caregiving.


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

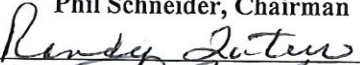
- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state's ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
 - Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - Expand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

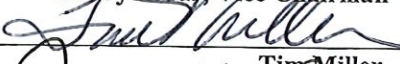
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.

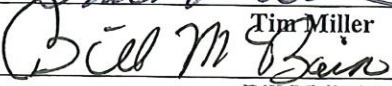
SUBMITTED BY:


Rusk County Health & Human Services Board



Phil Schneider, Chairman

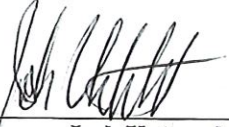

Randy Tatum, Vice Chairman



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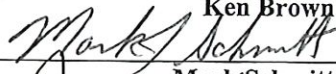

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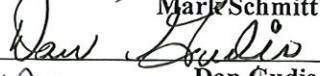

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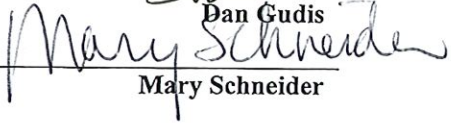

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