

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

**WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- 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

**WHEREAS**, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- 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

**WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

**WHEREAS,** such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and

**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 Vernon 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.


**Recommended For Consideration of the County Board By:**

Human Services Committee on January 18, 2021

 Shawn Redington, Chairperson	5 YES	3 NO	1 ABSTAIN	<del>0</del> ABSENT
---	----------	---------	--------------	------------------------

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete copy of the Resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Vernon County Board on 2-2-2021, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect.

Attest:

  
Jody Audetat, Vernon County Clerk