

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1

**Resolution Supporting Increased Funding for
Aging and Disability Resource Centers**

TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 22 • The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
23 • The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their
24 mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

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

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

- 32 • Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older
33 ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established
34 at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
35 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with
36 health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
37 • The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and
38 disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow
39 significantly over the next 20 years;
40 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living
41 adjustments; and

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

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

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50 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work
51 of the Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving; and

52 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on January
53 6, 2021, on a vote of 9 - 0, with Bartlett, Buchanan, Hanson, Heinecke, Horstman,
54 McRoberts, Okey, Rindsig and Thompson voting in favor and no members voting against.
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56 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Barron County Board of
57 Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial
58 budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin’s aging and
59 disability populations:

- 60 • Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state’s ADRCs. It is
61 important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology
62 cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- 63 • Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
- 64 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - 65 ○ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - 66 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - 67 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - 68 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - 69 ○ Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - 70 ○ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000;
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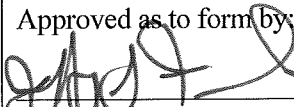
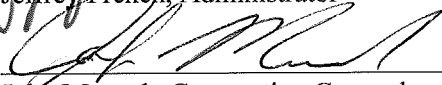
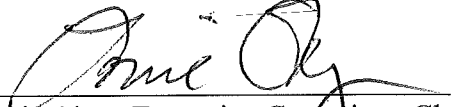
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73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that a copy of this resolution be sent to
74 Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea
75 Palm, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators and

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77 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that publication of this resolution may occur
78 through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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OFFERED THIS 11th day of January, 2021.

<p>Number of readings required: One (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Details: N / A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 0 - Future years total amount: \$ 0 - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ 0 - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ 0</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p> _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p> _____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p> _____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p> _____ Lottie Okey, Executive Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Olson/Banks) to approve. Carried.</p>
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