

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

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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 disability;
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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 work with
11 an ADRC; and
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13 WHEREAS, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and
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15 WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade,
16 and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; and
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18 WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of
19 reasons, including the current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs along with the
20 need to increase funding so all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope
21 of Services contract addendum; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Office for Resource Center Development within the Department of Health
24 Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and
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26 WHEREAS, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current
27 funding formula, such as:
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- 29 • Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs
30 (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date
31 (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- 32 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and
33 social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- 34 • The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin's aging and disability
35 populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next
36 20 years;
- 37 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments;

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

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

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48 WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the
49 Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving.

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51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the county board of supervisors of the
52 County of Manitowoc does hereby support increasing the 2021-23 state biennial budget to provide
53 an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state’s ADRCs to ensure access to critical
54 services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin’s aging and disability populations; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board supports providing additional
57 funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state as follows:

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- 59 • Expand Dementia Care Specialist funding statewide by \$3,320,000;
- 60 • Fully fund Elder Benefit Specialists statewide by \$2,300,000;
- 61 • Expand Caregiver Support and Programs by \$3,600,000;
- 62 • Expand Health Promotion Services by \$6,000,000;
- 63 • Expand Care Transition Services by \$6,000,000;
- 64 • Fund Aging and Disability Resources in tribes by \$1,180,000;
- 65 • Fully fund Aging and Disability Resource support systems by \$2,650,000;

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony
70 Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Interim Secretary Karen Timberlake, and all area
71 legislators.

Dated this 16th day of March 2021.

Respectfully submitted by the
Aging and Disability Board


Catherine Wagner, Chair

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FISCAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved by Finance Director. 

LEGAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel 

I respect the prerogative of the members of the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors to voice their opinions on legislative issues. Therefore, it is my practice to neither approve nor veto a legislative policy resolution that has been enacted by the County Board in order to allow the County Board, acting as the legislative branch of county government, to freely express its sentiment on legislative and public policy issues or to request action by a governmental entity, or both.



Bob Ziegelbauer, County Executive

3/17/2021

Date

MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD - 2020/2022 Session

DATE: March 16, 2021

DOCUMENT: Resolution 2020/2021-64 Supporting Increased Funding For Aging and Disability Resource Centers

AYE	SUPERVISOR	NO	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT
X	AULIK, Jamie			
X	BAUMANN, James			
X	BEHNKE, Kevin			
X	BREY, James			
X	CAVANAUGH, Robert			
X	DYZAK, David			
X	ENGELBRECHT, Lee			
X	FALKOWSKI, Jim			
X	GERROLL, Rick			
X	HAGEN, Charles			
X	HANSEN, Paul			
X	HENRICKSON, Rick			
X	LINSMEIER, Mark			
	MARESH, Susie			X
X	MARTELL, Tyler			
X	METZGER, Rita			
X	MUENCH, Nick			
X	NEILS, Jon			
	NICKELS, Dave			X
X	SHIMULUNAS, Bonnie			
X	SITKIEWITZ, Ken			
X	VOGT, Norbert			
X	WAGNER, Catherine			
	WILLIAMS, Mike			X
X	ZIMMER, Don			

Aye: 22 No: 0 Abstain: — Not Present: 3

I certify that the above tally list is correct and true.

Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk