



Resolution

No. 2021-18

Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

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, ad 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 e 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;
- The ADRC of the North (ADRC-N) including Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price, and Sawyer Counties is currently the least funded ADRC in the state; *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 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February 2021, approves this resolution and supports 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 forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Bayfield County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration, all area legislators, and the Ashland Daily press for publication.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors


Dennis M. Pocernich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2021-18, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 23rd day of February 2021.


Lynn M. Divine, *Bayfield County Clerk*