

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 -2021

Resolution Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this 16th day of February 2021, does resolve as follows:

- 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
4 Fiscal note is not applicable.
5 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Ordinance No. 3 -2021

Submitted by Health and Human Services Board:

Ayes 17, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 0

Passed and Enacted/Rejected this D16th day of February, 2021.

[Signature of Joe Gonyo]

Joe Gonyo, Chair

[Signature of Harley Reabe]

Harley Reabe, Vice-chair

[Signature of Brian Floeter]

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[Signature of Joanne Guden]

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[Signature of Nancy Hoffman]

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[Signature of Christine Schapfel]

Christine Schapfel

[Signature of County Board Chairman]

County Board Chairman

[Signature of Elizabeth A. Otto]

ATTEST: County Clerk

Approve as to Form:

[Signature of Dawn Klockow]

Corporation Counsel

Joy Waterbury

Charlie Wielgosh

Richard Trochinski

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the
42 Governor's Task Force on Caregiving.

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

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

59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Clerk shall send a copy of
60 this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS
61 Interim Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake, the Wisconsin Counties Association and
62 all area legislators.

