



**Resolution No. 65-02/21**  
**Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers**

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board and Health and  
2 Human Services Board

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4 **WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get  
5 accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability;  
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8 **WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits  
9 counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment  
10 processing and counseling; and,

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12 **WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal  
13 ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC;  
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16 **WHEREAS**, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state’s population; and,

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18 **WHEREAS**, the ADRC of Walworth County averages more than 1,000 consumer contacts per  
19 month; and,

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21 **WHEREAS**, the ADRC of Walworth County distributes more than 250 meals to older adults in  
22 Walworth County every weekday; and,

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24 **WHEREAS**, the ADRC of Walworth County investigated more than 200 cases of elder abuse in  
25 2020; and,

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 • Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRCs
- 2 (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date
- 3 (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- 4 • The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social
- 5 inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- 6 • The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin’s aging and disability
- 7 populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20
- 8 years;
- 9 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and,

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11 **WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of

12 the stakeholder advisory group; and,

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14 **WHEREAS**, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding

15 statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract

16 addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; and,

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18 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the

19 Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving.

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors


- 22 does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access
- 23 to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin’s aging and disability populations:
- 24 • Provide an additional \$27,410,000 general purpose revenue funding to our state’s
  - 25 ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation
  - 26 methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
  - 27 • Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
    - 28 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
    - 29 ○ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
    - 30 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
    - 31 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
    - 32 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
    - 33 ○ Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
    - 34 ○ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000

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36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers,

37 DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the Wisconsin Counties

38 Association and all area legislators.

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42 Nancy Russell  
43 County Board Chair

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42 Kimberly S. Bushey  
43 County Clerk

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45 County Board Meeting Date: February 9, 2021

This Resolution/Ordinance was:

Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice

Rejected/Referred/Laid Over

Ayes:      Noes:      Absent:

Date February 9, 2021