



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR Adult
Protective Services and long-term care placement locations
within Wisconsin**

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Door County like other counties across the state of Wisconsin, continue to experience
2 the effects of an increasingly aging population such as the need for additional health care, dementia
3 care, and long-term care for disabled and aging seniors who can no longer care for themselves or who
4 have long-term cognition needs; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, Adult Protective Services (APS) agencies are statutorily required to be the
7 responsibility of each county in Wisconsin; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 the number of Elder Abuse reports in Wisconsin for persons 60 and older was
10 5,799 and in 2019 the number rose to over 10,033 demonstrating a 73% increase in Wisconsin; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, in Door County the number of Elder abuse reports has gone from 105 in 2010 to 331 in
13 2019 demonstrating a 315% increase; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, these increases have created an increased financial and staffing burden for all
16 countries across Wisconsin; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, elder abuse funding and APS funding of \$36,212 provided by the state to Door County
19 has remained flat since 2016, while the numbers of elders at risk and in need of protection have risen;
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22 **WHEREAS**, Door County has noted an increase in spending on Adult Protective Services from
23 \$190,068 in 2013 to \$245,725 in 2021 due to additional staff needs; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, referrals for Adults in Need of Protection, have now become more complex due to the
26 combination of long-term cognition and difficult behaviors such as aggression and lack of placements for
27 these clients as well as lack of providers and resources for caregivers; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, difficulty in placing persons with long-term cognition needs has resulted in clients left
30 waiting for a place to reside, creating ethical and dangerous situations for police officers, care providers,
31 local hospitals, and other health care facilities who are unable to safely care for these adults (in some
32 instances up to 40+ facilities have been contacted who have stated they will not accept as elder at risk);
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35 **WHEREAS**, a survey completed by Jackson County DHHS, in 2018 showed that 92% of County
36 Human Services respondents stated they were having increased difficulty finding placement locations
37 for clients who have dementia and were demonstrating behavioral symptoms such as aggression; and



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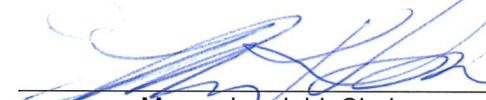
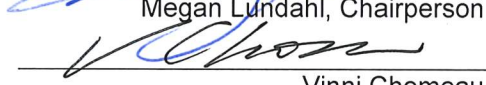
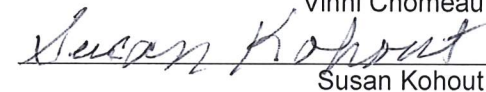
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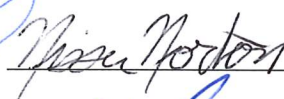

1 **WHEREAS**, attached items contain further supporting data for the
2 increase in Elder Abuse Reports and Adults at Risk Incidents.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Door County Board
5 of Supervisors urges WCHSA, WCA and State legislature to review and
6 address the need for increased funding to assist in the care and
7 coordination of elders who are at risk or can no longer care for themselves
8 and work collaboratively toward assuring that an increase in placements
9 for clients with long-term cognition needs occurs in Wisconsin and

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11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Door County Board of
12 Supervisors directs this resolution be forwarded to WCA, WI DHS,
13 SCHSA, Door county legislature and the Office of the Governor.
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SUBMITTED BY: The Health and Human Services Board


Megan Lundahl, Chairperson

Vinni Chomeau

Susan Kohout


Nissa Norton

Morgan Rusnak

James F. Heise, MD
Christa Krause
Mark Moeller
Robert Rau

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve

Adopted

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1st Lundahl

Defeated

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2nd Rusnak

Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

Reviewed by:

, Corp. Counsel

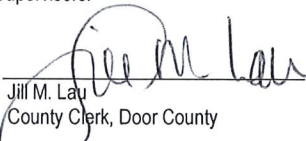
Reviewed by:

, Administrator

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no
fiscal implication with the adoption of
this resolution. STW

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify
that the above is a true and correct copy of a
resolution that was adopted on the 22nd day
of June 2021 by the Door County Board of
Supervisors.


Jill M. Lau
County Clerk, Door County