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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16**

**RESOLUTION BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE  
CENTERS**

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

**WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate, objective information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and 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 Office 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;

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- 4 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living
- 5 adjustments; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the  
 8 recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and

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

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14 **WHEREAS**, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of  
 15 the Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving.

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Racine County Board of  
 18 Supervisors does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial  
 19 budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin’s aging  
 20 and disability populations:

- 21 • Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state’s ADRCs. It is
- 22 important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology
- 23 cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- 24 • Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
  - 25 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
  - 26 ○ Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
  - 27 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
  - 28 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
  - 29 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
  - 30 ○ Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
  - 31 ○ Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000;
  - 32 and
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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor  
 35 Tony Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Interim Secretary Karen Timberlake,  
 36 the Wisconsin Counties Association and all area legislators.

37 Respectfully submitted,

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39 1st Reading 5-11-21

**HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
 COMMITTEE**

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42 2nd Reading 5-25-21

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 Scott Maier, Chairman

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46 For \_\_\_\_\_

47 Against \_\_\_\_\_

48 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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 Robert N. Miller, Vice Chairman


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 Fabi Maldonado, Secretary


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50 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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13 The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of  
14 Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

15 Approved:  \_\_\_\_\_  
16 Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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18 Date: 05-28-2024

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Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

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