RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: R03-2021-1380
Date 3/9/2021

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

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, 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;
• The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; 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 Ashland County Board of
Supervisors does hereby support 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:
  o Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: $3,320,000
  o Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: $2,300,000
  o Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: $3,600,000
  o Expand Health Promotion Services: $6,000,000
  o Expand Care Transition Services: $6,000,000
  o Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: $1,180,000
  o Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: $2,650,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony
Evers, DOA Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary Karen Timberlake, the Wisconsin Counties
Association and all area legislators.

[Signature]
Richard Pufall, County Board Chair
Date

[Signature]
Heather Schutte, County Clerk
Date

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a
true, correct, and complete copy of a resolution
duly and regularly passed by the Ashland County
Board of Supervisors of the County of Ashland
on the 10th day of March, 2021
and that said resolution has not been repealed or
amended, and is now in full force and effect.
Dated this 10th day of June, 2022

Heather W Schutte, Ashland County Clerk