

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Human Services Department
INITIATED BY

Human Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Jennifer Thompson
DRAFTED BY

September 14, 2012
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO OPERATE AN
AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the vision of the State of Wisconsin to implement Aging and Disability Resource
2 Centers statewide by the end of 2013; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Aging and Disability Resource Centers are the single point of entry for elderly individuals
5 and people with physical disabilities and/or developmental disabilities to obtain accurate, unbiased
6 information on all aspects of life. Aging and Disability Resource Centers provide support and assistance
7 on a broad range of programs and services, help people understand the various long term care options
8 to make informed choices, work with individuals to apply for programs or benefits, and assist
9 individuals to gain access to publically funded long term care; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 2010 Rock County organized a Steering Committee of fifteen stakeholders
12 representing each of the three target groups and nine Rock County staff representing County
13 Administration, the Human Services Department, the Developmental Disabilities Board, and the
14 Council on Aging. The final product of this committee was a recommended plan to implement an
15 Aging and Disability Resource Center in Rock County; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Administration has recommended the Aging and Disability Resource
18 Center be recognized as a division under the Human Services Department; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, Rock County will receive funding from the State of Wisconsin to support the construction
21 of the Aging and Disability Resource Center. In addition, Rock County will receive State GPR to match
22 with Federal dollars to continue to support the operation; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, it is intended for the Aging and Disability Resource Center to open its doors to the residents
25 of Rock County on March 4, 2013.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
28 this ____ day of _____, 2012 does hereby authorize and approve the submittal of an application
29 to the State of Wisconsin to operate an Aging and Disability Resource Center.

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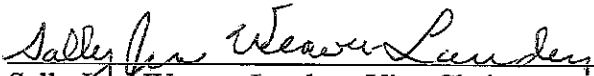
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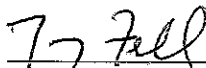
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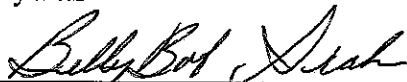
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Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice-Chair



Terry Fell



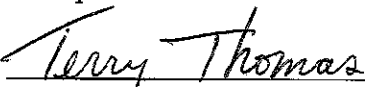
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Absent


Ashley Kleven

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Phillip Owens



Terry Thomas




Shirley Williams



Marvin Wopat

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Despite not being a Family Care County the State is encouraging Rock County to move forward and establish an ADRC. The ADRC in Rock County will function with the MA Waiver programs currently run through the Long Term Support Division of the Human Services Department and the Developmental Disabilities Board. Whether Rock County goes to Family Care will be a decision made at a future point in time. Establishing an ADRC is recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

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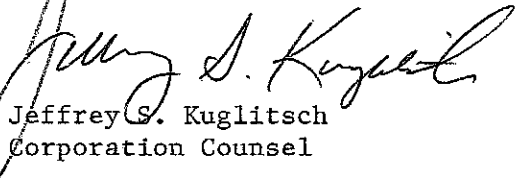
This resolution authorizes the submittal of an application to the State of Wisconsin to operate an ADRC. Funding for the ADRC will need to be approved through the 2013 budget process or by separate resolution.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§59.01, 59.51 and 46.283, Wis. Stats., in addition to Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 10.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

Executive Summary

Since 2006, the State of Wisconsin and Rock County have had multiple discussions related to Family Care and opening an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). In 2010, Rock County formed a Steering Committee to assist in the development of an ADRC. The goal was to open the ADRC in November 2011 with Family Care enrollment beginning January 2012. However, in Governor Walker's March 2011 budget presentation, he announced Family Care expansion would be put on hold while the Legislative Audit Bureau evaluated the program and its sustainability. At that point and up until recently, it was unclear to Rock County Administration if or when we could *or should* move forward with our Steering Committee's recommended ADRC plan. Finally, in July of this year, the State encouraged Rock County to move forward with the ADRC, despite the uncertainties of Managed Care. Therefore, with careful consideration, it is Rock County's recommendation to move forward with this initiative and open an ADRC in March 2013.

The "ADRC of Rock County" will be the first place for individuals in the community to go and obtain accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to elderly or individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities. It will provide a "one-stop-shop," to acquire information on a broad range of programs and services, help people understand the various long term care options and make informed choices, help individuals apply for programs or benefits, and is the access point for publicly funded long term care.

Although still in the planning stages, the "ADRC of Rock County" will likely be located at the Job Center. The \$255,000 estimate to remodel the Job Center space will largely be covered by the State and will provide office area for an ADRC manager, supervisor, administrative assistant, ten Information and Assistance Specialists, two Disability Benefit Specialists, and additional office space for meeting rooms and growth. In addition, \$1,355,982 in State GPR and Federal match, will be provided to Rock County when fully operational (2014) to fund the ADRC with the opportunity to earn a higher Federal match.

This statewide initiative is an exciting opportunity for Rock County to be apart of and we look forward to providing the residents of Rock County a place where they can feel comfortable going to and obtain the information they need to keep them or their family members happy, healthy, and safe in their homes.