

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY



Phil Boutwell, Deputy Director
DRAFTED BY

December 2, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Agreement with Woodland Enhanced Health Service (WEHS) Commission

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Under state law Rock County is required to make protective placements of individuals who
- 2 are of danger to themselves or others; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, at times some of those individuals may have complex medical conditions that are difficult
- 5 to accommodate and require specialized care that may not be available within Rock County; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, Clark County currently owns and operates a facility known as Clark County Health Care
- 8 Center ("CCHCC") which, among other things, is a skilled nursing facility that has capacity to accept out-
- 9 of-county placements; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, Clark County and other counties, including Bayfield, Taylor, Rusk, Chippewa, Eau Claire,
- 12 Portage, Wood, Douglas, Barron and Florence counties formed the WEHS Commission under an
- 13 intergovernmental agreement and offer other Wisconsin Counties an affiliation through an Associate
- 14 Membership Agreement; and,
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, Rock County believes it is advantageous to join WEHS as an Associate Member in order
- 17 to make sure it has options to make residential placements of Rock County citizens who have very
- 18 specialized needs that can be accommodated by the CCHCC.
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- 20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 21 this 12 day of December, 2013 does hereby authorize the Associate Member Agreement with
- 22 the WEHS and directs the Rock County Human Services Board Chair to sign the document on behalf of
- 23 Rock County.
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- 25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon execution of the Associate Member Agreement, Rock
- 26 County is authorized to expend funds related to the placement of persons in CCHCC and otherwise
- 27 comply with the terms and conditions of the Associate Member Agreement.

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Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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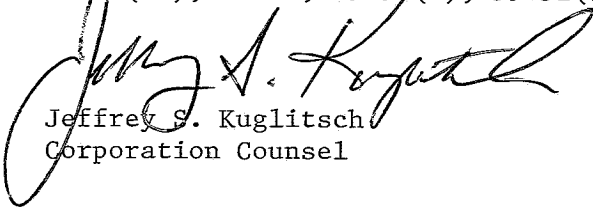
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the County to join the Woodland Enhanced Health Service Commission and to place individuals in the Clark County Health Care Center when necessary. Funds are included in the 2014 budget for protective placements.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes sections 46.18(15), 59.03, 59.51(2), 59.52(7) and 66.0301.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At present, Rock County is a member of two Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements: Marsh Country Health Alliance and Mississippi Valley Health Services Corporation. The Agreements allow Rock County to make residential placements in either Clearview in Juneau, WI or Lakeview Health Center in La Crosse, WI. Membership gives Rock County the option to make placements for roughly \$40 to \$50/day over the Medical Assistance rate for a bed in one of those skilled nursing facilities. At times those facilities are near capacity and there might not be a bed available should Rock County be required to place an individual.

It would be advantageous for Rock County to join the Woodland Enhance Health Services (WEHS) Commission as an Associate Member. Membership allows Rock County to make residential placements in the Clark County Health Care Center (CCHCC) in Neilsville, WI. The CCHCC gives Rock County another placement alternative to Clearview and Lakeview if those facilities are unable to take a Rock County resident.

Passage of this resolution authorizes Rock County to join the WEHS as an Associate Member. There is no initial membership fee but the rate as an Associate Member is twice the rate of the regular Commission members or \$80/day over and above the Medical Assistance rate.