

# **Buffalo County Resolution**



**Drafted By:**

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**Presented Month/Year:**

October, 2019

**Involved Committees:**

DHHS & Veterans Services

**County Department:**

DHHS

**Fiscal Impact: YES / NO**

**CA Approved: YES / NO**

**RESOLUTION # 19-10-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT THE AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER INTEGRATED BUSINESS PLAN**

WHEREAS, Buffalo County has been in partnership with Pepin County providing Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) services since 2009; and

WHEREAS, ADRCs serve adult with developmental and physical disabilities and aging populations along with their families/caregivers; and

WHEREAS, through strategic planning, Buffalo County Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Pepin County Human Services committees and staff have established a goal of integrating related services for ADRC target population groups in order to create a seamless, 'one stop shopping' experience for the customer; and

WHEREAS, in alignment with these local committees, the Director of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) have also set a goal to integrate aging services and ADRCs across the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, our local ADRC board created a task force to explore organizational designs that integrate aging services and ADRCs. The task force's final recommendation was to integrate aging, transportation, adult protection services into the ADRC; and

WHEREAS, a bi-county ADRC management team was formed in order to implement the ADRC task force's recommendation. The ADRC of Buffalo and Pepin Counties Business Plan to guide this process was developed by this team and approved by the governing committees of both counties. This business plan included an organizational chart of the integrated design for aging and ADRC services while maintaining adult protective services within the health and human services departments to avoid possible conflict of interest issues; and

WHEREAS, per this business plan, Buffalo and Pepin Counties have already substantially increased the level integration of adult protection and transportation services for its two county service area, via contractual arrangements overseen by the ADRC management team; and

WHEREAS; Buffalo County is seeking approval to modify job descriptions to sufficiently expand capacity to meet its contractual responsibility to provide adult protection to Pepin County while continuing to serve Buffalo County; and

WHEREAS, per this business plan's proposed organizational chart, Pepin County DHS is adding and redesigning positions in order to become the single employer for ADRC and aging services for Buffalo and Pepin Counties. This process will include the eventual transfer of several positions from Buffalo County to Pepin County as the business plan outlines the advantages of achieving these transfers; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo County employees who become Pepin County employees will be placed on the Pepin County wage scale at the closest wage to their current wage without reducing their wage. In addition, health care coverage will not be interrupted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the ADRC of Buffalo and Pepin Counties Business Plan to include Pepin County becoming the lead county for the ADRC of Buffalo and Pepin Counties January 1, 2021.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

Royan M. Halverson  
County Clerk

ATTEST:

Maryanne McMillan Urell  
County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

DHHS Committee

Human Resources Committee

Finance Committee

John B. Kriesel  
John B. Kriesel, Chair

Larry Grisen  
Larry Grisen, Chair

Donald A. Hillert  
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Linda Smith  
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Dwight Ruff  
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David Danzinger  
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Nettie Rosenow  
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Excused  
Nathan Nelson

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Harry Schreiner  
Harry Schreiner

Michael L. Taylor  
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Maryanne McMillan Urell  
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Wendy Kleinschmidt  
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Donald A. Hillert  
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Larry Grisen  
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Absent  
Richard Mueller

Joette Gillett  
Joette Gillett

**ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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