

# Buffalo County Resolution



**Drafted By:**

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**Presented Month/Year:**

October, 2019

**Involved Committees:**

DHHS & Veterans Services

Human Resources

Finance

**County Department:**

DHHS

**Fiscal Impact: YES / NO**

**CA Approved: YES / NO**

**RESOLUTION # 19-10-03**

**A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE A FULL-TIME ADULT PROTECTION DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SERVICES SOCIAL WORKER POSITION TO A FULL-TIME ADULT PROTECTION SERVICES SOCIAL WORKER POSITION**

WHEREAS, Counties are mandated by the State of Wisconsin to provide adult protection services to aid elder adults and adults-at-risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Office of Resource Center Development (ORCD) has directed local ADRCs to support the dementia-friendly communities initiative, which includes conducting 'memory cafes', training organizations and companies on how they can help better serve their customers with dementia; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2018 the Buffalo County Board created a new full-time social work position providing adult protection services 60% of the time and dementia-friendly services 40% of the time for Buffalo County and through a contractual agreement, to Pepin County; and

WHEREAS, ORCD is now recommending full-time dementia services positions, titled Community Services Specialists, be developed within each of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) in Wisconsin, including the ADRC of Buffalo and Pepin Counties; and

WHEREAS, in response to ORCD's recommendation, a component of the integrated 2020 ADRC model for Buffalo and Pepin Counties includes Pepin County's plan to discontinue its dementia friendly contract with Buffalo County and create a Community Services Specialist position for the provision of dementia services; and

WHEREAS, the increased statewide demand for adult protection services (APS) coupled with the proportionate growth of the Buffalo and Pepin Counties' population over age 60 have contributed to the dramatic increase of APS referrals and guardianship requests; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2020 budget for the Buffalo County Department of Health and Human Services includes cost savings offsets allowing for this position to expand to a 100% APS focus without an increase in county funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby grants authorization to change the APS/Dementia Friendly Social Worker position to an APS Social Worker position and for the position to be reviewed and evaluated no later than December 31, 2020.

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.

Bryan M. Halverson  
County Clerk

ATTEST:

Maryanne McMillan Urell  
County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

DHHS Committee

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Finance Committee

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Absent  
Richard Mueller

Joette Gillett  
Joette Gillett

**ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Salary & Benefits: \$62,558**

**Revenues: \$20,997**

**Tax Levy: \$41,561**

**All above amounts were reflected in the 2020 budget as presented.**