

RESOLUTION NO. 6-0613

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ECONOMIC SUPPORT STAFFING IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED CASELOADS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

TO THE HONORABLE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) will expand health insurance coverage to Wisconsin residents through a Health Insurance Marketplace, or Exchange, or steer those with incomes below a designated federal poverty measure to the Medicaid program; and,

WHEREAS, actuaries working with the State estimate that the Iowa County Department of Social Services and its Southern IM Consortium partners could see 17,900 Exchange inquiries, 11,100 new Medicaid applications and renewals, corresponding increases in Food Share applications as well as a multitude of clients transferring between the Exchange and Medicaid over the next two year period; and

WHEREAS, the State is nearing the end of the budget process and it appears that approximately \$897,097 of additional ACA related Economic Support Allocation and federal matching funds are directed towards the Southern Consortium for 2013 to hire, train and equip additional staff, of which \$57,538 would be targeted to Iowa County; and

WHEREAS, the current staffing levels in Southern Consortium will be insufficient to assist residents to access the Exchange and the Medicaid Program; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County Department of Social Services requests one full-time Economic Support Specialist Assistant (project) position; and

WHEREAS, given the uncertainty of state and federal funding beyond July, 2015, the position is considered a project funded position and will be evaluated for extension at the end of the funding period; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the full-time Economic Support Specialist Assistant Project position be added to the Iowa County Department of Social Services effective as soon as possible upon approval of this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Administrative Services Committee.