

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6-0415**

OPPOSING CHANGES IN GOVERNOR WALKER'S 2015-2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL REGARDING SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS (ADRCs)

**WHEREAS**, the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin located in Iowa County has been in operation since March 1, 2009, governed by an 11-member board consisting of six citizen members and five county board members, reflecting the ethnic and economic diversity of Iowa County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa County ADRC has provided comprehensive services, in a one stop shopping experience model for individuals 60 years and older and adults with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADRC has successfully provided a coordinated entry point for anyone interested in public or private long-term care services, reducing consumer confusion and increasing awareness of available community resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADRC located in Iowa County has had 6,363 contacts for assistance from 3,497 individuals representing 15% of Iowa County's total population; and

**WHEREAS**, consistently customers have reported high levels of satisfaction with their local ADRC services; and

**WHEREAS**, less than 4.5% of the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin's contacts for assistance result in enrollment into a publicly funded long-term care program, whereas over 95% of ADRC contacts are for assistance using personal assets for accessing needed resources; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRC health promotion and prevention programs have grown by four times in less than two years; and

**WHEREAS**, ADRC in Iowa County has made significant efforts to increase community outreach and education and provide unbiased information and a place for citizens to learn about resources related to aging or living with a disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the governor's 2015-2017 budget proposal includes significant changes that will affect services to those individuals 60 years of age and older and persons with disabilities including:

### Resource Centers (ADRCs)

- Eliminating the requirement for ADRCs to have governing boards;
- Eliminating the first right of refusal for counties to operate a resource center;
- Allowing Department of Health Services (DHS) to contract with a private entity for all or some of the services of resource centers;

- Allowing private for profit entities to provide services statewide or for the entire geographic area prescribed by DHS;

Family Care –IRIS

- Eliminating the IRIS program;
- Redesigning family care by moving program oversight from DHS to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
- Eliminating the long-term advisory council;
- Eliminating regional districts, instead contracting with companies that will operate statewide;
- Eliminating the sealed competitive bid requirement;
- Reducing funding for personal care supports;

Senior Care

- Requiring participants in Senior Care to enroll in federal Medicare Part D;
- Cutting program funding by \$15 million over the next two years.

**WHEREAS**, the above changes are more fully described in the attached fact sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker’s proposal eliminates local control of the service delivery to individuals 60 years of age and older and those who have disabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors oppose the changes in Governor Walker’s 2015-2017 budget proposal regarding the services currently provided by ADRCs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators representing Iowa County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Advocacy Network, the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources and Disability Rights Wisconsin.