

RESOLUTION NO. 8-0208

Resolution relating to the Governance of a Regional Care Management Organization

WHEREAS the State authorized the Long Term Care Program known as Family Care in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, and

WHEREAS Family Care creates a Long Term Care entitlement thus eliminating waiting lists for home and community based long term care services for elderly and adults with disabilities, and

WHEREAS Richland County has operated one of five comprehensive Family Care pilots in the State since 2001, and

WHEREAS the State Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) and the legislature has approved the expansion of Family Care statewide on a regional basis due to evidence of improved consumer outcomes and greater cost effectiveness of services, and

WHEREAS the Southwestern Care Management Coalition (SWCMC) received a grant from the Department of Health and Family Services in February of 2006 to begin the planning for the expansion and regionalization of Family Care in southwest Wisconsin including the counties of Sauk, Juneau, Richland, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, and Green, and

WHEREAS a temporary Ad Hoc Committee of County Board representatives of each of the eight counties have been meeting to discuss the governance options for this regional coalition, and

WHEREAS this temporary Ad Hoc Committee is now making a recommendation to the County Boards of all eight participating counties, and

WHEREAS the recommendation of this temporary Ad Hoc Committee is to create a separate public entity known as a Long Term Care District to operate the Care Management Organization for the purposes of providing long term care services to adults who meet financial and functional eligibility requirements for the Family Care Program, and

WHEREAS this form of governance specifies that the debts and obligations of the Long Term Care District would not be the debts and obligations of the counties that created the district and there would be no future requirements for county tax levy contributions to the Long Term Care District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization has been given to develop the documents necessary to create a Long Term Care District and to present those documents to the County Boards of the eight counties involved in the Southwest Wisconsin Care Management Coalition in the form of an enabling resolution, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authorization is also given to the Southwest Wisconsin Care Management Coalition to make an application with the Department of Health and Family Services to operate a regional Care Management Organization with the understanding that such application and acceptance by the State of Wisconsin is not binding on the eight counties until such time as a Long Term Care District has been formed, and has reviewed the contract with the State, and has approved entering into that contract.

Dated this 19th day of February 2008.