

Buffalo County Resolution



Drafted By:

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Presented Month/Year:

March, 2021

Involved Committees:

DHHS & Veterans Services

County Department:

DHHS

Fiscal Impact: YES / NO

CA Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 21-03-08

A RESOLUTION TO MERGE BUFFALO COUNTY WIC PROGRAM WITH THE TREMPEALEAU COUNTY WIC PROGRAM

WHEREAS, throughout Wisconsin and locally, WIC programs have experienced a gradual decline in caseload due to birth rate reduction trends; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin is strongly encouraging counties to form regional consortiums to administer WIC programs to reduce administrative time and allow maximum resources to be used for program benefits and outreach, and

WHEREAS, The WIC programs in Trempealeau and Buffalo Counties have been sharing staff and program responsibilities for the last 2 years through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), billing each other for staff time. Recently, Buffalo County has lost their program dietician/nutritionist and the responsibilities are now being covered by Trempealeau County Staff through previous MOU. Administration requirements are being executed separately for each county, doubling the administration time required for a merged county program, and

WHEREAS, Merging the two WIC Programs will save time and expenses for invoicing/payments as Trempealeau County will be the financial manager of the two programs and their related grants and all Program staff will be employed by Trempealeau County, and

WHEREAS, The Buffalo County Veterans/Health and Human Services Committee voted on December 1, 2020 to support the merger and have verbally agreed to the roles and responsibilities shown in the merger MOU, and

WHEREAS, The merger of the two programs will increase administrative efficiency and increase resources for client counseling, services and community outreach, and

WHEREAS, WIC participation has been declining and the grant funding is allocated based on the number of clients served by the program and the merger will increase the number clients and increase time allotment for recruitment of new clients, and

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County will be recognized as a regional leader in the WIC Program, and

WHEREAS, No additional county levy is required at this time. If levy is required due to a shortfall of grant funds in the future, the costs will be shared by both counties in proportion to the home county of the WIC recipients.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buffalo County WIC Program will merge with the Trempealeau County WIC Program as shown in the MOU for the merger. Trempealeau County will be the administrator for the combined Program.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 22 day of March, 2021.

Robert Johnson
County Clerk

ATTEST:
[Signature]
County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

Veterans/DHHS Committee

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