

Buffalo County Resolution



Drafted By:

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Presented Month/Year:

May, 2021

Involved Committees:

DHHS & Veterans Services

County Department:

DHHS

Fiscal Impact: YES / NO

CA Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 21-05-03

A RESOLUTION TO ADD A FULL TIME PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE IN 2021 TO PROVIDE CHILDRENS LONG TERM SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, Chapter 251 of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Administrative Rule 140.04(1)(i) requires the inclusion of public health nurse personnel within each local public health department in order to provide surveillance and investigation of health problems, communicable disease control and other disease prevention. Buffalo County Public Health currently has one public health nurse position; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of Buffalo County to increase public health nurse capacity in order to provide protection from public health service interruption in the event of a vacancy and to provide additional needed public health services such as reproductive health services; and

WHEREAS, the Children Long-Term Support Waiver (CLTS-W) Program is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Service Waiver that funds home and community supports and services for children who have substantial limitations in their daily activities due to physical, developmental and emotional challenges; and

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Buffalo County public health nurse duties previously included providing CLTS-W case management services as part of the Buffalo County Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) multi-disciplinary team of CLTS-W case managers; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 DHS introduced the fully funded CLTS-W Program Waitlist Elimination Initiative which, in the years that followed, successfully moved more than 2,600 eligible children from wait list status to actively receiving family centered, home and community based CLTS-W services; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo County utilized initiative funds to add capacity. The number of Buffalo County children served in the CLTS-W program grew from 14 in 2017 to 37 currently, with 5 additional children in the assessment process for this program; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, state CLTS-W budgets been increased to meet demand for current and new cases as part of Wisconsin's ongoing commitment to have no eligible children waiting for CLTS-W services; and

WHEREAS, referrals to the Buffalo County CLTS-W program have increased during the past six months creating a mid-year need to further increase capacity. Buffalo County DHHS is also

anticipating beginning to provide reproductive health services in the second half of 2021 which will place a further strain on current capacity; and

WHEREAS, CLTS-W agencies must meet program requirements including initiating assessment of a newly referred family within 10 days, completing a functional screening process within 45 days and completing an Individualized Service Plan by the 60th day.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby approves creating a single, full-time Public Health Nurse position, effective June 1, 2021 to provide CLTS-W services, reproductive health services, disease investigation and control and other public health services.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 24th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:



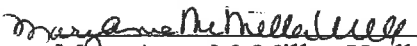
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County Clerk


Respectfully Submitted:

Veterans/DHHS Committee

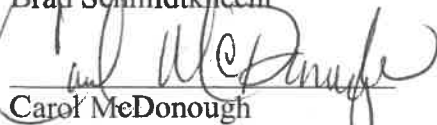


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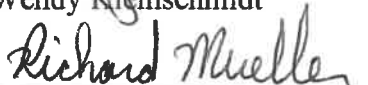
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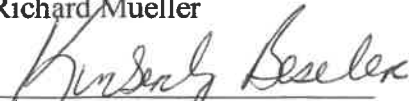
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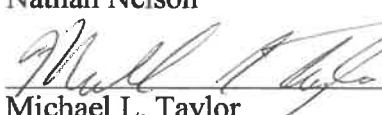
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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

2021

Salary, Benefits and Equipment (estimated for a Step 2 salary):	\$59,361.07
Revenues (including 2021 unbudgeted revenue earned by Public Health):	\$59,874.30
Tax Levy:	\$0

2022

Salary & Benefits:	\$106,711.92
Revenues (includes revenue generated by PH Educator due to new position):	\$104,406.64
Tax Levy/Rescue Act Funds:	\$2,311.28