

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY



Phil Boutwell, Assistant to County Administrator
DRAFTED BY

April 8, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT THAT CREATES THE MARSH
COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING
THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR TO APPOINT A COMMISSION MEMBER**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County currently owns and operates a facility known as Clearview Long-Term Care
- 2 and Rehabilitation ("Clearview") which, among other things, is a skilled nursing facility and facility for
- 3 the developmentally disabled; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County anticipates a need to place Rock County residents in Clearview for the
- 6 foreseeable future; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County currently provides funding necessary to operate Clearview at a rate that
- 9 exceeds the Medicaid reimbursement rate, thus creating a situation where Dodge County is contributing
- 10 county tax levy funds for the care of Rock County (and other county) residents; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, it is in Rock County's best interest to ensure the continued financial viability of Clearview
- 13 as an appropriate placement alternative, given the high costs associated with potential placement at other
- 14 facilities, including the state centers; and,
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- 16 **WHEREAS**, Dodge County and other counties, including Adams, Columbia, Grant, Green, Iowa,
- 17 Jefferson, Ozaukee, Rock, Sauk and Waukesha have studied the possibility of creating an
- 18 intergovernmental commission, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 66.0301(3), to be known as Marsh Country Health
- 19 Alliance Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"); and,
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- 21 **WHEREAS**, the creation of the Commission would allow Clearview to continue its operations with
- 22 funding provided from all of the counties that are members of the Commission; and,
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- 24 **WHEREAS**, the legal authority and goals of the Commission are set forth in the Intergovernmental
- 25 Cooperation Agreement; and,
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- 27 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, Dodge
- 28 County shall contract with the Commission for the purposes of: (1) leasing a portion of Clearview to the
- 29 Commission and, (2) providing for the administration, maintenance and operation of the leased portion of
- 30 Clearview; and,
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- 32 **WHEREAS**, the goals of the Commission, as set forth in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement,
- 33 are in accordance with the philosophy and public policy objectives of Rock County; and,
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- 35 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. 66.0301 and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement require each
- 36 participating county to execute the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement before the Agreement is
- 37 effective and binding; and,
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- 39 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this resolution to authorize Rock County to create and become a member
- 40 of the Commission and authorize a Rock County Board Supervisor, appointed in accordance with Rock
- 41 County rules and procedures, to finalize and execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

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42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
43 this ____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation
44 Agreement and authorizes and directs the Rock County Clerk, the Rock County Board Supervisor
45 appointed to the Commission and the Rock County Corporation Counsel to sign such document.

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors is hereby
48 directed to appoint a County Board Supervisor to act as Rock County's representative on the Commission
49 and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

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51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that once the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement has been
52 executed, Rock County is authorized to expend funds related to the placement of persons in Clearview
53 and otherwise comply with the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

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55 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the initial membership fee of \$5,000 shall be paid to the
56 Commission from Rock County, and the Rock County Human Services Department is hereby
57 authorized and directed to make such payment.

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Brian Knudson
Brian Knudson, Chair

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Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice Chair

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Absent
Minnie Murry

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to ss. 46.18(15), 59.01, 59.03, 59.51 and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

Sufficient funds are available in Human Service Department's 2010 budget for the \$5,000 initial membership fee.

Jeffrey A. Smith
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Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson
Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement creates the Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission. In essence, the Marsh Country Health Alliance is a multi-jurisdictional entity that will: 1) lease the Dodge County Nursing Home known as Clearview; (2) contract with Dodge County to manage the facility, and (3) provide a financial mechanism to assess member counties for housing residential placements in Clearview. At present there are 11 counties, including Rock, that are considering joining the Alliance.

It would be advantageous for Rock County to join the Alliance so that it has another placement alternative to expensive state institutes such as Mendota and Winnebago. Rock County is a member of the Mississippi Valley Health Service Corporation. Membership allows the County to send difficult placements to Lakeview Health Center in La Crosse for roughly \$40/day over the Medical Assistance rate. Lakeview is at capacity, thus finding an open bed can be a challenge. Joining the Marsh Country Health Alliance gives us another option to make cost effective placements (approximately \$47/day over the Medical Assistance rate) that is only 60 miles from Janesville.

Passage of this resolution authorizes Rock County to join the Alliance. The \$5,000 initial membership fee will be paid out of the 2010 Human Services Budget. The resolution also authorizes the County Board Chair to appoint a commission member (subject to Board approval). Upon notification that the formation of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement has been approved by other participating counties, the County Clerk, appointed commission member and the Corporation Council are authorized to enter the Agreement.

The Marsh Country Health Alliance wishes to hold its formulation meeting on May 24th. The Rock County commission member would attend that meeting as this County's voting member. Action items at that meeting include appointing a Board of Directors, electing officers, and entering a lease agreement with Dodge County for Clearview. The goal is to have a state approved operating license by July 1, 2010.