

RESOLUTION 16-08

Support of Long Term Care Services in Polk County

Whereas, the total number of citizens in Polk county 60 years and older has increased 14.8% between the 1990 and 2000 census data;

Whereas, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) census data reports show the proportion of people age 65 and older in Polk County is higher than that of the state as a whole (15.1% versus 13.1%) and the rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in Polk County than the state as a whole (12.6% versus 7.9%);

Whereas, DHFS census data reports also show that the population projections for Polk County citizens aged 65 and older will grow from 15-18% of the total population in 2005 to 21-24% of the total population in 2025;

Whereas, 9.5% of Polk County citizens aged 65 and older are below the federal poverty level and 11.8% of citizens aged 65 and older have a disability in addition to an income below the poverty level;

Whereas, citizens aged 65 years and older are often in need of a variety of long term care services to maintain optimal health status;

Whereas, all citizens should have access and choices about long term care services including primary health care, health benefits counseling, home delivered meals, case management, nursing homes, assisted living, home health care and general health promotion programming.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Polk County Board of Health and the Polk County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the importance of quality long term care services for elders and supports partnerships between government and the private sector to assure the availability of these services to the citizens of Polk County.

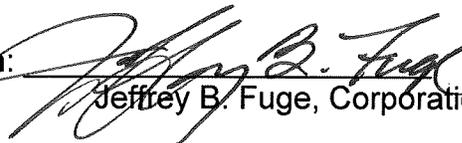
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County Board Action Adopted

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