

RESOLUTION NO.: 57—2016-17

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

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1 Wisconsin has no dedicated, stable federal and state funding sources for communicable disease
2 control and prevention efforts. A strong public health infrastructure is paramount to the health of
3 all citizens. Emerging and existing communicable diseases threaten health security, economies,
4 and quality of life for all. Communicable diseases such as ebola, H1N1, measles, HIV and
5 AIDS, tuberculosis, influenza, measles, syphilis, gonorrhea, rabies, hepatitis, polio, and pertussis,
6 can threaten the lives and well-being of Wisconsin residents. Emerging and re-emerging threats
7 such as ebola, H1N1, SARS, and measles threaten personal and community safety and require
8 substantial resources to contain. Wisconsin local health department communicable disease
9 programs protect residents by investigating and controlling communicable diseases, collecting
10 data, educating the community about prevention and the importance of immunizations, and
11 caring for those affected by these diseases. Public health departments have been successful in
12 controlling communicable diseases through case reporting and involvement of public health staff
13 in referral of exposed persons for screening and prevention services. Evidence in the scientific
14 literature indicates that partner notification services are not adequately assured in the absence of
15 specific public health staff involvement. Local health departments and the State of Wisconsin
16 have demonstrated commitment, competence and success in assuring the confidentiality of
17 persons with reported communicable disease for decades, including cases of AIDS. Local health
18 departments have placed a high priority on communicable disease control. Communicable
19 disease control is one of the ten essential functions of public health.
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21 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health & Human Services Committee
22 recommend adoption of the following resolution.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors urges the state legislature to
24 develop and enact bipartisan support for funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence
25 based communicable disease control and prevention for the public's health, and

26 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
27 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Health & Human Services Director, the Outagamie County
28 Executive, all Wisconsin Counties and the Outagamie County Lobbyist who will distribute to the
29 Legislature and Governor.

30 Dated this _____ day of October 2016

Respectfully submitted,
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Duly and officially adopted by the County Board on: _____

Signed: _____
Board Chairperson

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Signed: _____
County Executive