



RESOLUTION # 20-6/10

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 6/20

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 33
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 1
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: _____

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 4
Against: —
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 3

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 5
Against: —
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 4

RE: CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW PLANNING AND FOLLOW UP

WHEREAS, under the federal Adoption & Safe Families Act (ASFA) of 1997, states were required to have a Child & Family Services Review (CFSR) by the federal government approximately every five (5) years; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CFSR is to monitor state compliance with 45 indicators of safety and permanency for children in the child welfare system; and,

WHEREAS, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Sauk and Columbia Counties in April all participated in the most recent CFSR for the State of Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, there was substantial improvement within many of the CFSR indicators this time compared with the first CFSR in Wisconsin, but there were several major areas which were out of compliance (ie, time for children to be adopted, time for reunification of children to their biological homes, timelines of initial assessments, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, the state Department of Children & Families (DCF) has to submit a Program Improvement Plan to the Administration of Children & Families (ACF) of the federal Department of Health and Human Services by Fall 2010; and,

WHEREAS, family and children's services in Wisconsin are significantly underfunded at the state and federal levels and further compliance with these federal standards would require additional funding and/or restructuring of child welfare services in the state; and,

WHEREAS, with the opportunity to examine outcomes in child welfare brought on by the most recent CFSR, the state should commission a study regarding the funding and structure of child welfare services in the future for the state.

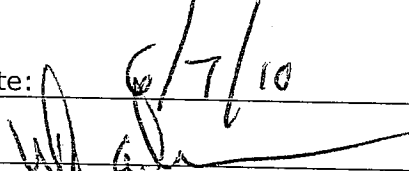
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors ask the Wisconsin legislature, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Services Association to commission a legislative study regarding child welfare funding and structure in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors ask that this study be part of the state's Program Improvement Plan from the most recent CFSR; and,

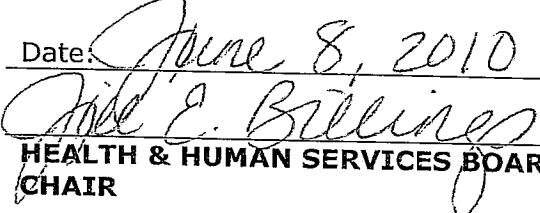
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the La Crosse County legislative delegation, the Wisconsin Counties Association in its legislative platform, the Wisconsin County Human Services Association, and the state Department of Children & Family Services.

FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal obligations for the county for this resolution.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: June 8, 2010


**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
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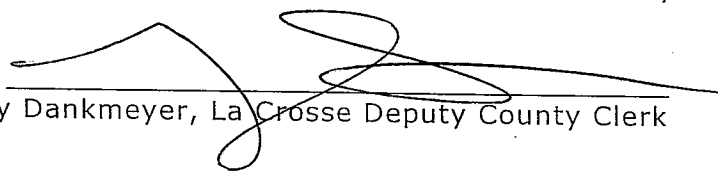
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Co. Admin.	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>GI</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>SDM</u>	_____	_____

Requested By:
 Date Requested:
 Drafted By:

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17th Day of June, 2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, Deputy County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2010.



 Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse Deputy County Clerk