



RESOLUTION # 75-1/09

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

ITEM #

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 28
Against: -
Abs/Excd: 6, IVAC.
Vote Req: _____
Other Action: AMENDED

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted: 1-6-09
For: 6
Against: -
Abs/Excd: 2, IVAC.

RE: JOINING UW HEALTH AWARE COALITION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin ranks in the top five of almost every category related to the amount of alcohol consumption and related harms caused by at risk drinking; and,

WHEREAS, the highest alcohol use in the country of high school students (49%) is within the State of Wisconsin (2007); and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has three times the national arrest rate for liquor law violations from 1997 to 2006; and,

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse is the 4th leading cause of death in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, each Wisconsin resident pays \$1.82 a year in beer taxes but pays \$18.64 in alcohol treatment costs, \$154 in alcohol-related healthcare costs and \$500 in alcohol-related criminal justice and societal costs; and,

WHEREAS, UW Health has begun a coalition called AWARE (All-Wisconsin Alcohol Risk Education) to improve the health and safety of Wisconsin residents in the fight against alcohol abuse by focusing on three initiatives with the legislature:

- 1) Reduce drunk driving;
- 2) Decrease underage drinking;
- 3) Prohibit health insurance companies from denying claims for accident victims who test positive for alcohol and other drugs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors agrees to join the coalition called AWARE (All-Wisconsin Alcohol Risk Education) ~~and support legislative proposals designed~~ to reduce the harms resulting from high risk use of alcohol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be shared with the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin County Human Services Association, and the State Department of Health Services.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no financial obligation to the county for being part of the coalition.

Date: January 6, 2009
April E. Bellinger
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
CHAIR

Date: January 6, 2009
Benee Weston
RECORDING CLERK

	Recommended	Not Recommended	Reviewed Only	Requested By: Gerald R. Huber
Co. Admin.	<u>SO</u>	_____	_____	Date Requested: 12/30/08
Fin. Director	<u>GI</u>	_____	_____	Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 15 Day of JANUARY, 2009

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Linda A. Stone, 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 adopted on the 15th day of January 2009.

Linda A. Stone

Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk