



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

Linda A. Stone

Linda A. Stone, La Crosse County Clerk