

## **CHAPTER 12 HUMAN SERVICES**

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### **(1) Authority.**

Sections 46.90 and 55.043, Wis. Stats., require the County Board to designate an agency in the County as the Elder Adult-at-Risk Agency to serve the population of elder adults at risk for the purposes of sec. 46.90, Wis. Stats., and the Adult-at-Risk Agency to serve the population of adults at risk for the purposes of sec. 55.043, Wis. Stats.

### **(2) Agency Designated.**

The Trempealeau County Department of Human Services is designated as the County Elder Adult-at-Risk and Adult-at-Risk agency to meet the statutory requirements in terms the duties outlined under the laws.

### **(3) The County Department of Human Services will work with other agencies and branches of County government necessary to create a comprehensive integrated system.**

(History: Res. 2016-01-02; Res. 2016-06-04)

## **12.02 COMMISSION ON AGING**

### **(1) Aging Unit.** The county's aging unit, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 46.82, shall be the Trempealeau County Department of Human Services. The aging unit shall provide services as required in Wis. Stat. § 46.82.

### **(2) Commission on Aging.** The county's commission on aging, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 46.82, shall be the Trempealeau County Human Services Board, which is a standing committee of the County Board of Supervisors.

### **(3) Advisory Committee to the Commission on Aging.** The county's commission on aging shall be advised by the Aging and Disability Resource Center ("ADRC") Advisory Council pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 46.82(4)(b)1.

#### **(a) Membership.** From nominations solicited from the community, the Chairperson of the County Board shall appoint the ADRC Advisory Council, subject to

confirmation by the County Board, and shall be comprised of fourteen (14) members as follows:

- (i) Two (2) individuals who have a physical disability, such person(s) may be represented by a guardian;
  - (ii) Two (2) individuals who have a developmental disability, such person(s) may be represented by a guardian;
  - (iii) One (1) Trempealeau County Human Services Board member;
  - (iv) One (1) Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors member;
  - (v) Eight (8) individuals who are aged 60 years and older who are not elected officials;
  - (vi) Membership shall represent varying income ranges and minority composition of older adult population in the county.
- (b) *Term.* The members shall serve for a term of three (3) years with the exception of the original membership whose terms shall be staggered.
- (4) **Purpose.** It is the purpose of this section to enable the creation of a commission on aging and an advisory committee to the commission on aging which shall be responsible to:
- (a) Represent the views, interests and concerns of older people in all County matters affecting them.
  - (b) Assure that older people have the opportunity to participate in, contribute to and have access to all facets of community life to the limits of their capacity.
- (5) **Definition.** As used in this ordinance, except where otherwise expressly provided “older people” means people who are 60 years of age and older.
- (6) **Powers and Duties.** The commission on aging shall have the following powers and duties:
- (a) Receive, disburse, and administer funds for services and programs for older people.
  - (b) Assist in the development and implementation of an annual, comprehensive, coordinated county aging plan for programs for older people.
  - (c) Make recommendations and give policy direction to enable the aging unit to carry out activities consistent with the purpose of this section.
  - (d) Review and make recommendations for proposals relating to matters affecting older people that are considered by the County Board.
  - (e) Provide information to individuals, groups and the community about the needs, interests, circumstances and services available to older people.

- (f) Assist county service agencies in organizing, developing, modifying and expanding available services and programs for older people.
  - (g) Identify and encourage the development of opportunities which enable older people to fully contribute to the welfare of the community.
  - (h) Adopt bylaws and procedures to facilitate operation of the unit providing they are not inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the county.
  - (i) Perform such other functions as are deemed necessary by the County Board to fulfill the purpose of the aging unit.
- (7) **Administrative Assistance.** The County Board of Supervisors shall provide for the needs of the aging unit, including adequate staff support and office space.

(History: Res. 02/19/1974; Res. 05/21/1979; 05/24/1993; Res. 1998-12-09; Res. 2016-01-02; Res. 2016-06-04)