RESOLUTION # 20-8/21

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

RE: APPROVAL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUPERVISOR POSITION FOR 2021

WHEREAS, local health departments in the State of Wisconsin are responsible to investigate, prevent, suppress, control, report sources, and advise how to control outbreaks and epidemics and also to advise on quarantine and isolation as needed in disease cases; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department continues to be involved in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic requiring increased collaboration with long term care facilities, schools, businesses, individuals and others along with coordination of an expanded team of staff as well as maintaining responsibility to perform similar responsibilities for various communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, in an average year La Crosse County experiences 19 Category 1 illnesses and 933 Category 2 illnesses; in 2020 La Crosse County experienced 10,118 Category 1 illnesses and 979 Category 2 illnesses, showing a significant increase in workload; and

WHEREAS, the immediate need for Communicable Disease Supervisor necessitates the addition of the position outside of the normal budget process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board approves the addition of 1.0 FTE Communicable Disease Supervisor, effective September 1, 2021, to fulfill a leadership role in the Health Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Resources department is authorized to take the necessary steps to fill the position in cooperation with the Health Director as soon as practical and the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to funding.

FISCAL NOTE: Total cost for this position with a start date of September 1, 2021 is estimated to be $21,120 and will be funded initially through Health Department committed fund balance; future cost for this role would be sought through state and federal funds if available but may be tax levy based and will be addressed in future budgets. The new position would be created in the County financial system under the Health Department – Nursing section to account for the personnel and operating costs of the role.

Date: 8-11-21

COMMITTEE CHAIR
Renee Wendt

RECORDING CLERK

Reviewed
Only
Recommended
Not
Recommended

Co. Admin.
Fin. Director
Corp. Counsel
Board Chair

Date Requested: Audra Martine
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Date Requested: July 27, 2021

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of August, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, 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 19th day of August 2021.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk