



Save Wisconsin ADRCs Supports Fiscal Bureau Option Eliminating Changes to Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

(BEAVER DAM) Save Wisconsin ADRCs is a non-partisan grassroots group of ADRC supporters representing over 2,450 constituents across Wisconsin, including residents who use ADRC services, ADRC volunteers, staff and other community advocates.

The Fiscal Bureau's paper (#357) on ADRCs and long-term care advisory councils outlined many of the concerns Save Wisconsin ADRCs has shared with the Legislature, media, and public since the proposed changes were announced in February. Save Wisconsin ADRCs is asking the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) to adopt the following alternatives in the LFB paper #357 on ADRCs dated May 27: Alternatives A4, B4, and C3

As of August, 2014, there were 41 ADRCs operating in Wisconsin, including 28 single county ADRCs and 13 multi-county/tribe regional ADRCs, serving all 72 counties and 11 tribes.

Save Wisconsin ADRCs agrees with the concerns outlined in the LFB paper: "Providing ADRC services on a statewide basis runs counter to a central feature of the current mission of ADRCs, which is to provide reliable information on locally available long-term care services. Further, claims of inconsistency in the results of functional screens or directing individuals to specific programs or providers appear to be unsubstantiated or anecdotal."

Save Wisconsin ADRCs welcome the opportunity to work with the Legislature and Department of Health Services in the future to develop a transparent, inclusive, unbiased process for analyzing the current ADRC system and make any recommendations that could result in future program improvement and cost savings.

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lfb/publications/budget/2015-17%20Budget/Documents/Budget%20Papers/357.pdf>

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