

**County of Milwaukee  
Interoffice Communication**

DATE: February 24, 2014

TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
Peggy Romo-West, Chairwoman, Committee on Health and Human Needs

FROM: Maria Ledger, Director, Department of Family Care

SUBJECT: **REVISION OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES REGARDING THE CARE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD**

I respectfully request that the attached resolution be scheduled for consideration by the Committee on Health and Human Needs on March 12, 2014.

In 2000, Milwaukee County began offering Family Care to residents of Milwaukee County. In 2012, the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care began offering Family Care in Racine and Kenosha Counties. In 2013 the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care began offering Family Care in Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha and Walworth Counties.

The Governing Board of the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care Managed Care Organization is staffed by volunteers who give selflessly of their time to attend monthly Board meetings as well as subcommittee meetings.

I am requesting that Chapter 16 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances regarding the Care Management Organization be modified to allow some members of the Board (a minority of the membership) to reside outside of Milwaukee County and to allow Board members to serve more than two consecutive terms. The proposed change also includes identifying the "Care Management Organization" as a "Managed Care Organization" which has been the common nomenclature for several years.

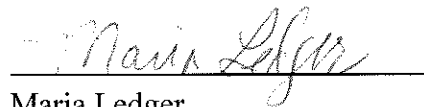
Expanding the residency eligibility for persons serving on the board to other counties will not only make the board more representative of the members served by Family Care, it will also allow the Department to more easily recruit qualified board members who may reside outside Milwaukee County but who either work in Milwaukee County and/or are guardians or relatives of Family Care members.

The majority of Board members (7 of the 12) will still be required to reside in Milwaukee County. The number of appointees from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors remains unchanged.

Allowing Board members to serve more than two consecutive terms will allow committed Board members to continue to serve as long as they are re-appointed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Reducing the size of the Board will bring the Family Care Board in line with what experts consider optimal size for a board of directors (not less than 8-9 members and not more than 11-14 members according to data compiled by consultants Sumption & Wyland). This smaller board will be more flexible in terms of scheduling meetings and setting agendas, and require less staff time to coordinate and to facilitate. Both the modified residency rules and reduced size will make it possible for Family Care to recruit a full slate of board members which, has been a challenge under the ordinance as it is currently written.

If you have questions concerning this resolution please contact Maria Ledger at 287-7610.



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Attachments: Recommended Resolution/Ordinance

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