

By: Council Member Wall
Adopted: October 14, 2013

Vote: Buswell, Harris, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Wilson in favor

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 13-26**

A resolution of the Wasilla City Council supporting State funding for the state-designated Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) that serves the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

WHEREAS, the Wasilla City Council is supportive of the implementation and full funding of a Mat-Su Regional Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to create a single entry point for older adults and individuals with disabilities to services, systems change and policies that help sustain Mat-Su seniors' health, independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough is experiencing one of the highest rates of population growth in the state among senior citizens, with the Alaska Department of Labor projecting the 65 to 74 year old age group to increase by 159.2% and the 75 to 84 year old age group by 247% by 2030, with the senior populations accounting for 23.1% of the total population growth by 2030;ⁱ and

WHEREAS, the 2010 US Census reported 9,700 people with disabilities of any age in the Matanuska Susitna census area, each of who may receive services from a variety of agencies or none at all. The average prevalence rate of disability is 10.9% across all ages with the age group 65+ having a 39.2% prevalence rate; and

WHEREAS, this noted lack of service coordination among all senior service providers in Mat-Su is complicated by no service area "boundaries" and a State system that drives competition instead of collaboration; and that the creation of a centralized resource to provide information and refer seniors and people with disabilities to service options will be more cost effective and key in helping improve overall coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is an evolving model of service coordination sponsored by the US Administration on Aging (AOA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and 45 states and territories, including Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has endorsed the ADRC model with four ADRCs currently serving Southeast, Kenai Peninsula, Bristol Bay and the Anchorage South; and the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) 2012 Priorities include developing a "sustainable long term care delivery system" through the following strategies: identifying and coordinating health and welfare needs, promoting a service array that meets the needs of those requiring long-term care services, developing an integrated and comprehensive model of care, and promoting rural infrastructure development;ⁱⁱ and

WHEREAS, regulatory change must figure prominently into addressing Mat-Su's challenges and also those of regions across the state; and the State DHSS has agreed to decouple Mat-Su from the Alaska DHSS current Coverage Area V (encompassing the Mat-Su Borough, Kenai Peninsula and Valdez/Cordova Census Area) and create a distinct Mat-Su region with respect to ADRC funding and services; since the State's current ADRC plan allows for only one ADRC per administrative coverage area; and the ADRC based in the Kenai Peninsula Independent Living Center is the designated ADRC to serve the Mat-Su, provides no services to Mat-Su seniors, has determined the provision of services to Mat-Su seniors to be unfeasible, and supports the creation of two sub-regions within Coverage Area V to enable the development of another ADRC to support the Mat-Su Borough senior population; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska DHSS has effectively decoupled Region V with respect to ADRC programming and operation by working with the Mat-Su Aging and Disability Coalition to provide a specific designation for a Mat-Su ADRC; but failed to decouple the funding or provide separate funding as promised in order to ensure that the Mat-Su ADRC would be able to function sustainably; and

WHEREAS, the State funding formula for senior services should be revised to reflect population growth in the Mat-Su; revisions to the State formula should reflect the Mat-Su as its own region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council advocates that the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services follow its designation of an Aging & Disability Resource Center in the Mat-Su Borough with funding appropriated based on State share of senior population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council advocates that the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services identify state funding for the Mat-Su designated ADRC as a priority in its request to the Alaska State Legislature.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on October 14, 2013.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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ⁱ Mercer <<http://labor.alaska.gov/research/trends/dec10art1.pdf>>

ⁱⁱ Department of Health & Social Services 2012 Priorities <<http://hss.alaska.gov/publications/priorities.pdf>>




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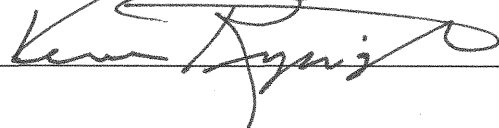
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Originator: Brandon Wall, Council Member

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Agenda of: 10/14/2013

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director		10-7-13
X	Deputy Administrator		10-7-13
X	City Clerk		10/7/13

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright: 

Fiscal Impact: yes or no

Summary Statement: Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are a newer concept that combines access to resources for our aging and disabled population into a single point of entry. This concept has the potential of both decreasing the government expense and efficiency of providing these services as well as making it simpler for those in need of the services to access them.

While the State of Alaska has jumped on board with the ADRC concept, the MatSu area is currently coupled with Kenai, Valdez and Cordova, and the ADRC serving that region is located in Kenai. This resolution supports the creation and funding of an ADRC for the MatSu to provide better service for our disabled and senior population.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 13-26.