RESOLUTION NO. 11-622

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PART-TIME PROJECT GRANT FUNDED POSITION WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO FULL-TIME

THE HONORABLE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Health Department award of \$80,640 under the Healthy Aging in Rural Towns (HeART) grant sponsored by the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation and coordinated by the University of Wisconsin Madison School of Nursing ended September 30, 2021 which funded a part-time Community Coordinator/Educator position in the Iowa County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors approved in September 2021, extending the position of Community Coordinator/Educator and increasing it to 32 hrs per week with funding available from the federal government and the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services. Funding included the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Public Health Workforce Development to expand and sustain the public health workforce and the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) to continue COVID-19 pandemic response activities including testing, coordination, planning, contacting tracing, vaccination and recovery); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Health Department has received additional COVID-19 related funding through the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services titled American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Recovery (ARPA) funding through December 31, 2024 to assess and address issues to promote recovery. This includes activities of public health surveillance, enhancement of public health data, public health communication efforts, activities of community assessment and community health improvement, addressing health disparities and program evaluation and quality improvement in Iowa County and ICHD programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recommends and supports increasing the position of Community Coordinator/Educator to full-time due to available funding from DHS to include; Public Health Emergency Preparedness Public Health Workforce Development, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) and American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Recovery (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the funding for this position and all associated costs will be covered under grant dollars received by the Iowa County Health Department from the federal government and the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services. Funding includes the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Public Health Workforce Development; the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC); and the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Recovery (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Health Department requests one full-time (40 hrs/wk) Community Coordinator/Educator (project) position; and

WHEREAS, the position is considered a project funded position from July 2, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors approves the full-time Community Coordinator/Educator project position at the Iowa County Department of Public Health effective July 2, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding for this full-time project position will be paid by funding from the federal government and the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services (Public Health Emergency Preparedness Public Health Workforce Development funding awarded to expand and sustain the public health workforce; the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) to continue COVID-19 pandemic response activities, and the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Recovery (ARPA) to assess and address issues to promote recovery including activities of public health surveillance, enhancement of public health data, public health communication efforts, activities of community assessment and community health improvement, addressing health disparities and program evaluation and quality improvement in Iowa County and ICHD programs inequities as approved and appropriated in the Iowa County Health Department Budget.

Respectfully submitted by the Iowa County Board of Health:

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2022.

John M. Meyers

Iowa County Chair

ATTEST:

Iowa County Clerk