

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-41S

RESOLUTION BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$180,000.00 FROM THE LAND SALES ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO FACILITATE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN RACINE COUNTY

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the transfer of \$180,000.00 from the Land Sales account as set forth in "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto is authorized and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the grant of \$180,000.00 to the Beloit Area Community Health Center, Inc., to facilitate the establishment and operation of a Community Health Center in Racine County is authorized and approved upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. This shall be a one-time payment and shall not create any expectation of future funding by Racine County; and
2. Actual disbursement of funds to the Beloit Area Community Health Center, Inc., shall be conditioned on:
a. Public commitment of funds by the City of Racine and private sources in amounts that, together with this grant, will provide funding adequate for the initial establishment of a Community Health Center in Racine County; and
b. Mutually satisfactory understandings between Beloit Area Community Health Center, Inc. and existing Racine County entities that provide substantial health care to the county's uninsured and underinsured populations, such as Health Care Network and Racine Family Practice Residency Program, to maximize collaboration and minimize competition; and
c. Such other terms and conditions as the Corporation Counsel and the Finance Director deem necessary and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two of the County Executive, the County Clerk and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION
Adopted _____
For _____
Against _____

David J. Hazen, Chairman
Joseph F. Bellante, Jr., Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3's M.E.

Gaynell Dyess, Secretary

5 Prepared by: _____
6 Corporation Counsel Katherine Buske
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15 **WHEREAS**, public and private sector entities and concerned residents have sought a
16 community health center that can provide primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, and
17 other health services to Medicare- and Medicaid-eligible persons, as well as to persons who
18 lack adequate health insurance; and

19 **WHEREAS**, since 1999, Beloit Area Community Health Center, Inc., a Wisconsin
20 nonprofit corporation, has operated such a community health center in Beloit; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Beloit Area Community Health Center is prepared to establish and operate,
22 as a separately funded and managed entity, a similar community health center in Racine County
23 to provide primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, and other health services to
24 Medicare- and Medicaid-eligible persons, as well as to persons who lack adequate health
25 insurance; and

26 **WHEREAS**, to maximize availability of affordable health care, coordination and
27 collaboration among Racine County public and private health care providers, especially those
28 that serve uninsured and underinsured populations, is essential; and

29 **WHEREAS**, although Beloit Area Community Health Center has demonstrated that it
30 can conduct sustained operations on reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid for health
31 care services provided to eligible recipients, establishment of a new facility in Racine County will
32 require initial funding approaching \$600,000; and

33 **WHEREAS**, Beloit Area Community Health Center has been assured, by the City of
34 Racine and various private sources in Racine County, of funds and in-kind donations in
35 amounts that, combined with Racine County's payment of \$180,000, are expected to provide
36 the necessary initial funding; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, Racine County desires to enhance accessibility of health care for uninsured
39 and underinsured members of its population, foster collaboration and coordination among public
40 and private health care providers serving those persons, and encourage the City of Racine and
41 private sources to join in support of this initiative.

