

**BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 4**

**Resolution Creating One (1) Birth to Three Therapist Position**

**TO THE BARRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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2       **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Department of Health and Human Services administers  
3 the mandated Birth-3 Early Intervention Program, which currently has two fulltime teacher/service  
4 coordinator positions serving 50-70 children at a given point in time; and  
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6       **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Department of Health and Human Services has contracted  
7 with Prevea Health since July 2019 for therapy services (speech, occupational and physical therapy)  
8 to support the families enrolled in the Birth to Three program through the primary coach approach;  
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11       **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Department of Health and Human Services contracted  
12 with Prevea Health for approximately 2.5 Full Time Equivalent therapy positions (1 FTE Speech,  
13 1 FTE Occupational and .5 FTE Physical Therapist); and  
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15       **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Department of Health and Human Services received  
16 notice of Contract Agreement termination from Prevea Health (Hospital Sisters Health System) on  
17 January 22, 2024; and  
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19       **WHEREAS**, the termination notification indicated Prevea Clinic, INC (Prevea) is ceasing  
20 operations at its western Wisconsin Prevea locations on or before the closure date of April 21, 2024.  
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22       **WHEREAS**, a copy of the contract agreement termination letter from Hospital Sisters  
23 Health System and Prevea Health is attached to this resolution; and  
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25       **WHEREAS**, a copy of the **Impact of Sacred Heart Hospital/Prevea/LE Phillips**  
26 **Libertas/St. Joseph's Hospital Closing on Barron County DHHS** prepared by Director Frolik  
27 is attached to this resolution; and  
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29       **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Department of Health and Human Services has explored  
30 options of accessing therapy services through the following means; 4 county collaboration, CESA  
31 10, CESA 11, Rehab Resources and NorthLakes Community Clinic; and  
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33       **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Department of Health and Human Services will continue  
34 to work with surrounding counties and other therapy providers toward a plan to meet all of the  
35 therapy needs of current and future enrolled Birth-3 participants; and  
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37       **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Barron County Executive Committee that  
38 the County Board create one (1) new Full Time Equivalent Birth-3 Therapist position to allow for  
39 continued administration of this mandated service; and  
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41       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that County Board of Supervisors does  
42 authorize the creation of one (1) full-time Birth-3 Therapist position in the Barron County  
43 Department of Health and Human Services; and  
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45       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this position will be funded for the remainder of  
46 2024 with ARPA funding and funding for future years will be secured through the standard  
47 budgeting process.  
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**OFFERED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.**

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ( )</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority ( ) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ( X )</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted ( ) General Fund ( ) Grant ( ) Contingency ( ) Other ( X ) Details: State and Federal Funding</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ 98,272.00 - Future years total amount: \$ 130,697 - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - ? -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by:  _____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:  _____ Jeffrey French, County Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Louie Okey, County Board Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed ( ) Tabled ( )</p> <p><b>Motion: (Moen/P. Anderson)</b> to approve. Health &amp; Human Services Director Frolik answered questions from the Board. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent (Effertz).</p>
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