

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County  
*Resolution #2015-01*

**Community Health Needs Assessment**

For the last three years, Public Health—Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) has collaborated with University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, St. Marys Hospital, Meriter Hospital and Stoughton Hospital on a web-based community health needs assessment system at [healthydane.org](http://healthydane.org), which was created by the Healthy Communities Institute (“HCI” in Sausalito, California). [Healthydane.org](http://healthydane.org) is designed to give stakeholders and the public access to high-quality, constantly updated community health needs assessment data to support community health improvement planning and evaluation.

The agreement with the hospitals has been that they underwrite the expense of the system—about \$30,000 per year—with PHMDC providing staff time equivalent to the investment by the hospitals. PHMDC does day-to-day administration of the website and one of the epidemiologists provides support.

PHMDC has an MOU with the hospitals to formalize this arrangement which expires in March of 2015, and PHMDC holds the contract with HCI, which expires in May, 2015. This resolution authorizes PHMDC to renew the memorandum of understanding with the hospitals and the contract with HCI, under the same terms as are in effect now. This resolution will not have an impact on the operating budget, as the hospitals will cover all costs related to the contract with Healthy Communities Institute.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into a memorandum of understanding with University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, St. Marys Hospital, Meriter Hospital, and Stoughton Hospital for the ongoing development and maintenance of a web-based community health needs assessment and the Director is authorized to sign this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into an agreement with Healthy Communities Institute for their Community Health Needs Assessment System for one (1) year with two (2) additional one-year renewals, with the provision that costs of the agreement are covered in full by University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, St. Marys Hospital, Meriter Hospital, and Stoughton Hospital; and the Director is authorized to sign the contract with HCI.

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