

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Smoke Free Options in Public Housing

Resolution #2011-19

The City of Madison Community Development Authority (CDA) owns and manages about 765 public housing units throughout Madison. CDA is in the process of renovating apartments near Madison East Truax. Public Health—Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) is interested in working with the CDA to create smoke-free living options for tenants in these newly renovated buildings.

Nearly 7,000 Wisconsin adults die each year from their own smoking, while 751 Wisconsin residents die annually from secondhand smoke exposure, maternal smoking and fires. Creating smoke-free living save lives and reduces business expenses.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a statement in 2009 strongly encouraging Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to implement smoke-free air policies in public housing units. CDA is working towards implementing a smoke-free air policy in newly developed housing units.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County encourages the City of Madison Community Development Authority to implement a smoke-free policy whenever they renovate or develop new public housing units.

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