

**APPENDIX D**  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of Rusk County (Organization Name) to comply with the equal opportunity policy and standards of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health Services and the Department of Workforce Development and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations relating to nondiscrimination in employment and service delivery.

**EMPLOYMENT**

No otherwise qualified person shall be excluded from employment, be denied the benefits of employment or otherwise be subject to discrimination in employment in any manner on the basis of age (over 40), race, religion<sup>1</sup>, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, disability or association with a person with a disability, arrest record, conviction record, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or childbirth, military participation, genetic testing, submitting to honesty testing, or use or non use of lawful products off the employers premises during non-working hours. Employees may not be harassed in the workplace based on their protected status nor retaliated against for filing a complaint, for assisting with a complaint, or for opposing discrimination in the workplace.

All employees are expected to support goals and programmatic activities relating to nondiscrimination in employment.

**SERVICE DELIVERY**

No otherwise qualified applicant for service or program participant shall be excluded from participation, be denied benefits, or otherwise be subject to discrimination in any manner on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, political beliefs or disability. No employee or other person shall intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any otherwise qualified individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured under one of the applicable civil rights laws, or because they have made a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding or hearing under one of the applicable civil rights laws. Program access for persons with disabilities is covered in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. Under the Food Stamp Act and USDA-FNS policy, discrimination is prohibited also on the basis of religion and political beliefs or affiliation. This policy covers eligibility for access to service delivery, and to treatment in all of the programs, services and activities. All employees are expected to support the goals and programmatic activities relating to nondiscrimination in service delivery.

To assist us in complying with all applicable equal opportunity rules, regulations and guidelines, I have appointed

(Mr./Ms.) Gary Rivers Phone (715)532-2299  
as Equal Opportunity Coordinator. You are encouraged to discuss any perceived discrimination problems in employment or service delivery with him/her. Information about discrimination complaint resolution process is available to you upon request.

*Randy Lotus*  
SIGNATURE - Executive Director or Chief Executive Officer

1-12-10  
Date Signed

<sup>1</sup> Exceptions: Under Section 702(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-1(a), religious organizations are permitted to give employment preference to members of their own religion. The exception applies only to those institutions whose "purpose and character are primarily religious." These exceptions apply only to employment conditions.