

## **State video conferencing rollout program**

*The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:*

- **That the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health Services implement a video conferencing system to communicate with County Government.**

Counties of Northern Wisconsin are a significant distance from Madison and the Regional Offices in Eau Claire and Rhinelander. Moreover, the winter months can bring travel conditions which are difficult and dangerous.

Video conferencing would save counties personnel time and mileage costs while availing opportunities to participate in meetings, trainings and conferences which currently may not be accessible to northern counties. In addition, video conferencing would bring a savings to the State as employees may opt to conduct a video conference in lieu of traveling to northern counties or the Eau Claire and Rhinelander Regional Offices.

Currently, counties of northern Wisconsin only have the option of participating in meetings by phone if unable to attend in person. Much is lost via phone participation as we often do not know who is speaking nor have the opportunity to view power point presentations or other visual aids.

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