### **Complaint Procedure**

Sauk County ADRC's Complaint Procedure is made available in the following locations:

- ✓ Agency website, either as a reference in the Notice of Nondiscrimination or in its entirety
- ✓ Agency office (by front desk)

Any person who believes they've been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, religion, income status or limited English proficient (LEP) by the **Sauk County ADRC** may file a complaint by completing and submitting **Sauk County ADRC**'s Complaint Form.

The Complaint Form may also be used to submit general complaints to Sauk County ADRC.

**Sauk County ADRC** investigates complaints received no more than 180 calendar days after the alleged incident. **Sauk County ADRC** will process complaints that are complete.

Once the complaint is received, **Sauk County ADRC** will review the complaint and work to resolve the complaint informally, if possible.

If the complaint warrants a formal civil rights complaint process, **Sauk County ADRC** will follow the steps listed in this complaint procedure. **Sauk County ADRC** may also use this formal procedure to address general complaints. If **Sauk County ADRC** determines it has jurisdiction the complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter stating the complaint will be investigated by **Sauk County ADRC** as a civil rights complaint.

**Sauk County ADRC** has **60** business days to investigate the civil rights complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, **Sauk County ADRC** may contact the complainant.

The complainant has **15** business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case.

If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within **15** business days, **Sauk County ADRC** can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, one of two (2) letters will be issued to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF).

- ✓ A <u>closure letter</u> summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI or ADA violation and that the case will be closed.
- ✓ A <u>letter of finding (LOF)</u> summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member, or other action will occur.

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, the complainant has **30** business days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, at FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

If information is needed in another language, then contact 608-355-3289.

Si se necesita informacion en otro idioma de contacto, 608-355-3289.

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# **Complaint/Comment Form**

We want your feedback. If you would like to submit a complaint or comment, please complete this form, and submit it via email to Troy Garwood at <a href="mailto:troy.garwood@saukcountywi.gov">troy.garwood@saukcountywi.gov</a> or in person at the address below.

#### **Sauk County ADRC**

West Square Building 505 Broadway Street Baraboo WI 53913

You may also call us at 608-355-3289. Please make sure to provide your contact information in order to receive a response.

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Section A: Accessible Format Requirements  Please check the preferred format for this document							
☐ Large Print	☐ TDD or Relay ☐ Audio Recording			Other (if selected please state what type of format you need in the box below)			
Click or tap here to enter text.							
Section B: Contact Information							
Name Click or tap here to enter text.				Telephone Number (including area code) Click or tap here to enter text.			
Address Click or tap here to enter text.				City Click or tap here to enter text.			
State Click or tap here to enter text.				Zip Code Click or tap here to enter text.			
Email Address Click or tap here to enter text.							
Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?					☐ Yes	□ No	
If no, please provide the name and relationship of the person for whom you are complaining and why you are completing the form on their behalf in the box below.							
Click or tap here to enter text.							
Please confirm that you have obtained the permission of the aggrieved party if you are filing on behalf of a third party.					Yes	□ No	

#### **Section C: Type of Comment** What type of comment are you providing? Please check which category best applies. ☐ Complaint ■ Suggestion ☐ Compliment ☐ Other Which of the following describes the nature of the comment? Please check one or more of the check boxes. ☐ Race ☐ Color ☐ Religion ☐ National Origin ☐ Age ☐ Sex ☐ Transportation Service ☐ Income Status ☐ Limited English Proficient (L.E.P) ☐ Americans with Disability Act (A.D.A) **Section D: Comment Details** Please answer the questions below regarding your comment Did the incident occur on the following type ☐ Shared Ride of service? *Please check any box that may* ■ Bus ☐ Paratransit Taxi apply. Click to add date in the following format: Day, What was the date of the occurrence? month, year What was the time of the occurrence? Click to add the time What is the name or identification of the Click or tap here to enter text. employee or employees involved? What is the name or identification of Click or tap here to enter text. others involved, if applicable? What was the number or name of the route Click or tap here to enter text. you were on, if applicable? What was the direction or destination you were headed to when the incident Click or tap here to enter text. occurred, if applicable? Where was the location of the occurrence? Click or tap here to enter text. Was the use of a mobility aid involved in ☐ Yes □ No the incident? Please add any additional descriptive details Click or tap here to enter text. about the incident. In the box below, please explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were discriminated against. Click or tap here to enter text.

## Section E: Follow-up May we contact you if we need more details or ☐ Yes □ No information? If yes, how would you best liked to be reached? Please select your preferred form of contact below ☐ Phone □ Email ■ Mail If you would prefer to be contacted by phone, please list the best day and time to reach you. Click here to add your preferred time Click here to add your preferred day Have you filed a complaint with any other federal, state, or local ☐ Yes □ No agencies? If yes, list agencies and contact information (agency name, address, email, phone). Click or tap here to enter text. **Section F: Desired Outcome** Please list below, what steps you would like taken to address the conflict or problem. Click or tap here to enter text. **Section G: Signature** Please attach any documents you have which support the allegation. Then date and sign this form and send it to Sauk County ADRC. Date: Click to add date in the following format: Day, Name Click or tap here to enter text.

month, year

Signature Click or tap here to enter text.