

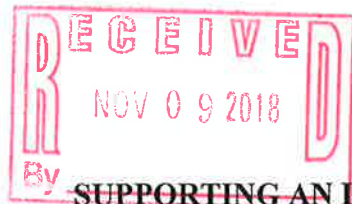
Motion:
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No: 1 Yes: 27

Absent: 1

Adopted: **X**
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Number of Votes required:
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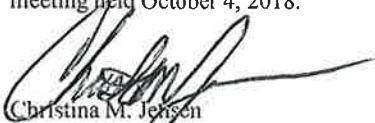
Resolution #44-10-18

SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT REFORMS FOR WISCONSIN'S CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM

Clark Co Board Roll Call Vote	Y E S	N O	A
1 Flink	X		
2 Leichtman	X		
3 Schindler	X		
4 Wilcox	X		
5 Amacher			X
6 Waichulis	X		
7 Zank	X		
8 Kodl	X		
9 Felten	X		
10 Luchterhand	X		
11 Jalling	X		
12 Petke	X		
13 Bower	X		
14 Krempasky	X		
15 Rogers	X		
16 Hendrickson	X		
17 Rueth	X		
18 Olson	X		
19 Haselow	X		
20 Krause	X		
21 Rollins	X		
22 Smagacz	X		
23 Boon		X	
24 Trunkel	X		
25 Clough	X		
26 Bakker	X		
27 Garbisch	X		
28 Neville	X		
29 Sebesta	X		

1. WHEREAS, the Wisconsin child welfare system is county-operated and
2. state-supervised, except Milwaukee County, where the system is
3. administered by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
4. (DCF), Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS); and
- 5.
6. WHEREAS, DCF provides insufficient funding to counties for the
7. provision of child abuse and neglect services including prevention,
8. investigation, treatment, and out-of-home placement costs, though the
9. state has primary responsibility for compliance with federal
10. requirements and shares liability for ensuring the system is meeting its
11. obligations to children and families in all 72 counties; and
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13. WHEREAS, in recent years the State of Wisconsin added numerous
14. mandates and practice expectations which increased county child
15. protective services (CPS) workload and costs; and
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17. WHEREAS, the opioid and methamphetamine epidemics have brought
18. Wisconsin's child welfare system to a point of crisis, with increasing
19. concern about the system's ability to meet its obligations to children
20. and families; and
- 21.
22. WHEREAS, the capacity for counties to continue to bear the share of
23. financial responsibility to address this crisis has been exhausted, as
24. rising county contributions to the CPS system have far outpaced
25. increases to the DCF Children and Family Aids allocation and counties
26. have used reserve funding to cover CPS expenses and increase
27. staffing; and
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29. WHEREAS, maintaining sufficient resources for Wisconsin's child
30. welfare system is critical to secure the safety and future of our most
31. vulnerable children; and
- 32.
33. WHEREAS, without a proportional increase in the DCF Children and
34. Family Services allocation, the CPS system has been stressed for over
35. a decade, causing caseloads for CPS workers to grow to unreasonable
36. levels, contributing to high levels of staff turnover in some counties
37. and an overrun of out-of-home care costs above what counties can
38. sustain within available resources; and

I, Christina M Jensen,
 Clerk for the County of Clark,
 hereby certify that this
 Resolution was adopted by the
 Board of Supervisors at the
 meeting held October 4, 2018.


 Christina M. Jensen
 Clark County Clerk,
 Neillsville, WI 54456

SEAL

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39. WHEREAS, Wisconsin's CPS system leaves significant gaps in state-
40. level oversight for all counties, except Milwaukee County, including
41. the absence of caseload standards, no process for regular legislative
42. evaluation and prioritization of CPS needs and the absence of a
43. legislative committee that provides regular policy guidance concerning
44. CPS system issues such as adequate funding, performance, cost
45. sharing and long-term stability; and

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47. WHEREAS, along with DMCPs, all eleven of Wisconsin's peer states
48. with county-administered CPS systems have either adopted caseload
49. standards for CPS caseworkers, completed thorough workload studies
50. as a basis of determining funding needs, or otherwise have made
51. significant recommendations related to keeping CPS workloads
52. manageable; and

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54. WHEREAS, the children within Wisconsin's CPS system are too
55. important to allow the current level of under resourcing, oversight gaps
56. and, disparity of attention, while shifting the burden to property
57. taxpayers.

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59. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of
60. Supervisors hereby requests that the State of Wisconsin to increase the
61. Children and Family Aids Allocation to counties in the 2019-21 state
62. biennial budget by \$30 million annually in order to cover a greater
63. share of out-of-home care costs and increase staffing levels based on
64. the caseload standards developed by the Wisconsin County Human
65. Services Association (WCHSA) so Wisconsin's CPS system can meet
66. its obligations.

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68. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Counties
69. Association urge the State of Wisconsin to close critical oversight gaps
70. by creating legislative mechanisms to review the CPS resource needs
71. of all counties as part of the biennial budget process and ensure an
72. appropriate committee provides ongoing policy guidance to respond to
73. emerging CPS trends and ongoing system needs.

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75. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk send shall
76. forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker,
77. Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson,
78. Department of Administration Secretary Ellen Nowak, Clark County's
79. Legislative Representatives, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.