

**AMENDED**  
**Resolution No. 06-04/20**

**Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Authorize County-Employed Human Services Professionals to Administer Naloxone in Response to a Suspected Opioid Overdose**

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Health and Human Services Board  
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3 **WHEREAS**, Walworth County has been identified as an area of concern for high rates of opioid  
4 overdose by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services; and,  
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6 **WHEREAS**, opioids are a class of drugs, which act directly on the nervous system which can  
7 depress the central nervous system and respiratory system which can result in death; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, naloxone is an opioid antagonist which counteracts the life-threatening depression  
10 of the central nervous system and respiratory system and has been proven to save lives; and,  
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12 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin 456.40 allows emergency medical service providers, fire fighters, and  
13 law enforcement to administer opioid antagonists; and,  
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15 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin 46.23 defines county human services as “the total range of services to  
16 people including, but not limited to, health care, mental illness treatment, developmental  
17 disabilities services, income maintenance, probation, extended supervision and parole services,  
18 alcohol and drug abuse services, services to children, youth and aging, family counseling, special  
19 education services, and manpower services”; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, Human services professionals have frequent contact with individuals with a high  
22 likelihood of opioid exposure and overdose; and,  
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24 **WHEREAS**, fentanyl is a highly potent and increases the likelihood of a an overdose; and,  
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26 **WHEREAS**, Walworth County has seen an increase in the presence of fentanyl in overdoses;  
27 and,  
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29 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Health and Human Services Board supports the State  
30 Legislature and Governor amending section 46.23 of the Wisconsin State Statutes to include  
31 specific authorization for county-employed human services professionals to administer naloxone  
32 in response to a suspected opioid overdose.  
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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
35 urges the State Legislature and Governor to amend section 46.23 of the Wisconsin State Statutes  
36 to include specific authorization for county-employed human services professionals to administer  
37 naloxone in response to a suspected opioid overdose.  
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Walworth County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Wisconsin, State legislators representing Walworth County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.



Nancy Russell  
County Board Chair



Kimberly S. Bushey  
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: April 23, 2020

Action Required: Majority Vote X Two-thirds Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.

Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

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Michael Cotter 4/24/2020

Michael P. Cotter  
Corporation Counsel

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Jessica Conley 4/24/2020

Jessica Conley  
Finance Director

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Mark W. Lubberda 4/23/2020

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County Administrator

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

This Resolution/Ordinance was:

Adopted; Roll Call/U.C./Voice

Rejected/Referred/Laid Over

Ayes:      Noes:      Absent:

Date April 23, 2020

**Policy and Fiscal Note**  
**Resolution No. 06-04/20**

- I. **Title:** Urging the State Legislature and Governor to Authorize County-Employed Human Services Professionals to Administer Naloxone in Response to a Suspected Opioid Overdose
- II. **Purpose and Policy Impact Statement:** The purpose of this resolution is to urge the State Legislature and Governor to amend Section 46.23 of the Wisconsin Statutes to explicitly authorize county human services workers to administer naloxone.
- III. **Budget and Fiscal Impact:** Passage of this resolution will have no fiscal impact on the 2020 Budget.
- IV. **Referred to the following standing committee(s) for consideration and date of referral:**

Committee: Health and Human Services                      Date: March 18, 2020

Vote: 6-0

County Board Meeting Date: April 23, 2020

Policy and fiscal note has been reviewed and approved as an accurate statement of the probable policy and fiscal impacts associated with passage of the attached resolution.

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