



Resolution

No. 2020-53

Action to Address the Mental Health Epidemic in County Jails

WHEREAS, the number of individuals with mental health issues in county jails has exploded over the past decade, and

WHEREAS, individuals with mental illness need specialized care and attention, and

WHEREAS, demands on local correctional institutions is greater than can be sustained, and

WHEREAS, this workload and case types are overwhelming county jail staffs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of May 2020, requests that the Wisconsin County Association support legislation addressing mental health issues in county jails including:

- That individuals on psychotropic medicines before incarceration be allowed to continue using these medicines while in jail, with no interruption to funding of these medications if the individual is currently enrolled in a state program which provides that resource.
- That increased Department of Corrections funding be made available for crisis intervention utilizing licensed mental health professionals that hold prescribing licensure.

By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocerlich, *Chair*

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD)

I, Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Volume 27, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th of May 2020.

Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*