



Resolution

No. 2019-31

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, those 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 type is overwhelming jail staff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 28th day of May 2019, do hereby request that WCA Support Legislation addressing mental health issues in county jails including:

- That individuals on psychotropic medicines before incarceration be allowed to continue while in jail, with no interruption to funding of those medications if the individual is currently enrolled in a state program which provides that resource.
- That increased state DOC 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. Pocernich, *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 26, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 28th day of May 2019.

Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*