WASHINGON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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VOTE

2018 RESOLUTION 13

Support for State Funded Treatment Alternatives and Diversion
Operating While Intoxicated (TAD OWI) Program

WHEREAS, the TAD program was created to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and reduce the jail population; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 through 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Justice offered grant funding for the TAD program which was administered through the Washington County Sheriff's Department, providing diversion of 2nd, 3rd and misdemeanor 4th time OWI offenders to a structured treatment program; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Human Services Department began administering the TAD program with TAD grant funding offered by the Wisconsin Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the TAD grant program changed the target population in the program from 2nd, 3rd and misdemeanor 4th time OWI offenders to clients that are charged with non-violent misdemeanors and diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) considered the findings of a study conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Washington County regarding the effectiveness of the TAD OWI program, concluding that participants in the program were 80% less likely to be re-arrested for OWI than the control group – a 2.6% recidivism for participants versus a 13.2% recidivism for the control group; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is requesting the State of Wisconsin reinstate the TAD OWI program and provide counties funding for same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that this Board supports the reinstatement of the TAD OWI Program and further requests the State of Wisconsin provide funding to counties to support the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that this Board supports and urges Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Legislature to pass legislation that provides funding for the TAD OWI program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Washington County Clerk to the Wisconsin Counties Association, all State Representatives, Senators and Governor Scott Walker.
VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Support for State funding to counties to reinstate the TAD-OWI program.

APPROVED: Introduced by members of the EXECUTIVE
(signed by Bradley S. Stern) COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.
Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney (signed by Donald A. Kriefall)
Dated 6/14/18

Donald A. Kriefall, Chairperson

Considered 6/13/18
Adopted 6/13/18
Ayes 24 Noes 0 Absent 2
Voice Vote

(Due to the recognized need for a TAD OWI program, Washington County has committed to
$250,000 of funding for 2018 and 2019 program costs. Reinstating the TAD OWI program and
providing funding for the same could provide savings up to $125,000 annually for the County.)