



Resolution

No. 2018-45

Action to address the Mental Health / Drug Addiction Epidemic in County Jails

WHEREAS, the number of individuals with mental health and drug addiction issues in county jails has dramatically increased over the past decade; and,

WHEREAS, those with mental illness need specialized care and attention; and,

WHEREAS, demands on county jails is greater than can be sustained; and,

WHEREAS, jails are not sufficiently staffed or equipped to manage inmates with mental illness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of May 2018, 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 funding of alternatives to incarceration for individuals with mental illness be established by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.
- That increased state 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. Pocernich, *Chairman*

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 Resolution No. 2018-, Volume 25, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 29th day of May, 2018.

Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk