

# LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE  
16 AYES  
4 ABSENT  
1 VACANCY

## RESOLUTION #44-2022

INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

INTENT: COMMIT FUNDING TO NCHC TO EXPAND ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE (AODA) OUTPATIENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN LANGLADE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, residents of Langlade County who are court-ordered to complete AODA assessments, treatment and outpatient counseling do not have sufficient access to these services, and there exist "gaps" in connecting the client to available AODA resources, monitoring compliance with treatment, navigating barriers to access, and communicating with the entities responsible to enforce the court orders; and

**WHEREAS**, access to AODA assessments, treatment and outpatient counseling can be improved in Langlade County by adding (1) additional AODA outpatient counselor to join the two existing outpatient counselors at NCHC-Antigo; compliance with court-ordered AODA treatment can be improved by providing (1) case manager to provide additional assistance and support to clients who are engaged in treatment and to provide assistance to partner agencies to address clients refusing to participate in court-ordered AODA treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends pledging funding in 2023 to expand AODA outpatient services in Langlade County as follows:

(1) FTE AODA outpatient counselor estimated cost of wages/benefits	+\$100,000
(1) FTE SW Targeted Case Management estimated cost of wages/benefits	+\$100,000


**WHEREAS**, the NCHC Executive Committee has approved amending the 2023 NCHC budget on the condition that these costs will be a "direct expense" to Langlade County in 2023, such that Langlade County will be solely responsible for the "net" expenses of these two additional positions, after application over sources of revenue (i.e., billing health insurance and patients for services provided); and

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the capacity for outpatient AODA services at NCHC-Antigo and providing additional case management services for court-ordered AODA treatment, the Committee anticipates a return on this investment via cost reductions in other programs/services designed to react to use of illicit substances (i.e., by reunification of children placed out of the home as a result of substance use; reduction in the number of individuals held in the Langlade County jail (and length of stay) for substance use related offenses; reduction in the number of criminal cases filed with the Langlade County Circuit Court related to illicit substances).


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by a two-thirds vote of the County Board of Supervisors to commit not to exceed \$125,000 from the undesignated General Fund to cover the costs associated with expanding AODA outpatient and case management services in Langlade County.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board will be provided with monthly report regarding the number of County residents served by the AODA outpatient programs in Langlade County administered by NCHC.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

  
Ben Pierce, Chairman

  
Richard Wiegert

  
John Medo

  
George Shinnors

  
Robert Benishek

  
Reinhardt Balcerzak

  
Carol Bardo

**FISCAL NOTE:** For 2023, the County will be responsible for the “net” costs of these additional positions employed by NCHC to provide services in Langlade County, estimated not to exceed \$125,000. The intentions is that the gross expenses of \$200,000 identified above will be reduced by other sources of revenue generated by NCHC, such as billing health insurance and patients for these services with “net” expenses determined when revenues and expenses are reconciled at year end. We anticipate there may be some difficulties in staffing resulting in less than a full year of employment for each position; thus, the resolution is asking to transfer \$125,000. After 2023, these services will be under consideration for the inclusion in the NCHC 2024 as a shared service (costs apportioned based upon population; Langlade County pop. = approx. 10% of shared costs) resulting in much less of an annual cost.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE COUNTY THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.**

  
Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk

