



Motion to Adopt By: Jeanne Nutter

Resolution Number: 2024-11-01

Seconded By: Richard Anderson

Support For State Mental Health Funding

Dist.	Supervisor	Y	N	A
1	Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Klein	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Sacia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Severson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Todd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Adams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Whalen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Aasen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Waldera	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Baecker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Lyon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Larson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Nutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	TOTALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WHEREAS, Trempealeau County is concerned that the public human service system in Wisconsin is in need of additional resources to respond appropriately to the needs of individuals with persistent mental illness, those experiencing a mental health crisis, and other human service needs; and

WHEREAS, state law designates counties with the responsibility for the well-being, treatment, and care of individuals with mental illness and other human service needs, and serving those without private insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Assistance program (MA) covers an array of mental health services, ranging from office-based therapy to inpatient hospitalization, and many of these services are delivered by counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Support Programs (CSP) offer intensive community-based care for adults whose mental illness and functional limitations might otherwise require them to need institutionalized care. Counties use CSP services to keep people out of extended hospitalizations and support people in the community following emergency detentions; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to provide Crisis intervention services including an emergency mental health services program to serve persons in crisis situations; at a minimum, 24-hour crisis telephone service and 24-hour in-person response on an on-call basis; and

WHEREAS, while the state pays the full cost of most MA services, when it comes to county- based CSP and Crisis mental health services, the county finances the cost of the services up front, and receives MA reimbursement for only the federal share for that service, and

WHEREAS, Community Aids and other human service funding has not kept pace over the years with increased county costs for services, resulting in counties bearing a disproportionate share of CSP, Crisis and other human service costs from county tax levy; and

WHEREAS, counties are limited in their capacity to use tax levy revenue due to state levy limits, so the lack of state human service aids increases combined with strict property tax controls makes it difficult for counties to maintain Crisis, CSP and other human services; and

First Reading: 11/12/2024

Vote Required: Passed by Voice Vote
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
)s.s.
CO. OF TREMPALEAU)

I hereby certify that this resolution /ordinance is a true and correct copy of a resolution/ordinance adopted by the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors on: 11/12/2024


Paul L. Syverson, County Clerk

WHEREAS, if human services were operated directly by the state, annual increases would be provided to cover increased compensation costs for human services staff similar to the annual compensation increases provided to state employees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the costs to county human service departments, counties and municipalities also incur law enforcement costs to transport and provide security for persons in a crisis; and

WHEREAS, the awareness of the 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has made mental health assessment and referral more readily available, resulting in more demand on the mental health crisis systems; and

WHEREAS, stagnant state funding results in variations in the extent of services available across counties, wait lists for services, and eligible people receiving limited services; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s counties continue to cover the costs of mental health services for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2025-27 state biennial budget, provide state GPR funding to cover: the full non-federal share of MA CSP and Crisis services, as well as annual increases to state human service aids to cover increased compensation costs for human services staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trempealeau County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Trempealeau County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Introduced by: Trempealeau County Human Services Board

Dick Miller _____

Jeanne Nutter _____

Bridgette Turner _____

Ron Johnson _____

Richard Anderson _____

Karen Sepich _____

Diane Schroeder _____

Scott Brown _____

Committee Approval Date: 10/14/2024

Committee Vote: 8 - 0

Resolution Drafted by: Jay Hein

Reviewed by Corporation Counsel: No

Fiscal Impact: (Fiscal Statement – as set forth in Project Initiation form) This would have a positive fiscal impact on the Human Services budget of an undetermined amount that would assist with fully funding these services and covering future cost of living increases if/when approved by the board for the staff performing the work.