	<b>Type/Number</b>	<b>Resolution 24-7-24</b>		
	<b>Title</b>	<b>Advocating for an Inpatient Behavioral Health Facility for Northern Wisconsin</b>		
	Overview/Synopsis	Urging the State Legislature and Governor to provide funding to establish an in-patient acute behavioral health unit to serve the Northern Counties		
	Submitted By	Executive Committee		
	Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact		
	Review (Initial & Date)	Legal	<i>AM</i> 7/23/24	Finance

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WHEREAS, Northern Wisconsin has limited resources when it comes to in-patient crisis care for individuals with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, recent closures of facilities places a higher burden on the facilities that remain; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement are tasked with providing transportation of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and they often spend hours waiting for facilities to respond to requests for in-patient beds; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis end up being transported by law enforcement to the State facility in Winnebago; and

WHEREAS, the great distance traveled puts a financial strain on counties and local municipal law enforcement agencies, not to mention the emotional strain experienced by the individuals being transported for several hours, often in hand cuffs; and

WHEREAS, Clark County would like to work with other counties in the Northern part of the State to lobby for State funding to establish an in-patient crisis facility to serve this underserved area; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature and the Governor to provide funding (either another State facility or subsidies for private, not-for-profit organizations) to establish an in-patient acute behavioral health unit to serve the Northern counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clark County Board of Supervisors encourages other counties in the Northern region of the State to join in the lobbying efforts and pass a similar resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the County Clerk is directed to send this Resolution to the Governor, State Legislators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and other Northern County Clerks upon passage.


<b>Committee/Board/Supervisor Action</b>	
Committee/Board/Supervisor Name:	Executive Committee
Result/Date:	Approved 07/10/2024
Mover:	Gerhardt
Seconder:	Jalling
Ayes:	Wilcox, Gerhardt, Boon, Jalling & Rueth

Nayes:	None
Absent:	None

**Clark County Board of Supervisors Action**

Vote Required:	Majority
Result/Date:	Adopted 07/18/2024
Type of Vote:	Voice Vote
Mover:	Supervisor Kodl
Seconded:	Supervisor Jalling
Ayes:	Mulderink, Wilcox, Klabon, Hoff, Kodl, Kolzow, Jalling, Tyznik, Bower, Smith, Ryan Ashbeck, Johnson, Rueth, Stoecker, Bobrofsky, Hasz, Smagacz, Boon, Trunkel, Gerhardt, Bakker, Neville, Sebesta
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Brodhagen, Schindler, Waichulis, Thielman, Riley Ashbeck, Garbisch

**I, Christina M. Jensen, Clerk for Clark County, hereby certify that Resolution 24-7-24 was adopted by the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on July 18, 2024.**



**Christina Jensen  
Clark County Clerk  
Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456**

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