



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE INVESTMENT FOR
MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING**

DOOR COUNTY

TO THE DOOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 **WHEREAS**, Door County (“County”) is concerned that the public mental health system in
2 Wisconsin is in need of additional resources to respond appropriately to the needs of individuals
3 with persistent mental illness and those experiencing a mental health crisis; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, state law designates counties with the responsibility for the well-being,
6 treatment, and care of individuals with mental illness, and serving those without private insurance
7 coverage; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Medical Assistance program (MA) covers an array of mental health
10 services, ranging from office-based therapy to inpatient hospitalization, and many of these
11 services are delivered by counties; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Community Support Programs (CSP) offer intensive community-based care
14 for adults whose mental illness and functional limitations might otherwise require them to need
15 institutionalized care. Counties use CSP services to keep people out of extended
16 hospitalizations and support people in the community following emergency detentions; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, counties are required to provide Crisis intervention services including an
19 emergency mental health services program to serve persons in crisis situations; at a minimum,
20 24-hour crisis telephone service and 24-hour in-person response on an on-call basis; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, while the state pays the full cost of most MA services, when it comes to county-
23 based CSP and Crisis mental health services, the county finances the cost of the services up
24 front, and receives MA reimbursement for only the federal share for that service, and
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26 **WHEREAS**, Community Aids funding has not kept pace over the years with increased
27 county costs for services, resulting in counties bearing a disproportionate share of CSP and Crisis
28 service costs from county tax levy; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, counties are limited in their capacity to use tax levy revenue due to state levy
31 limits, so the lack of Community Aids increases combined with strict property tax controls
32 makes it difficult for counties to maintain Crisis and CSP services; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the costs to county human service departments, counties and
35 municipalities also incur law enforcement costs to transport and provide security for persons in
36 a crisis; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, the awareness of the 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has made mental
39 health assessment and referral more readily available, resulting in more demand on the mental
40 health crisis systems; and
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42 **WHEREAS**, stagnant state funding results in variations in the extent of services available
43 across counties, wait lists for services, and eligible people receiving limited services; and
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ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Dist. 1 D. Englebert			
Dist. 2 T. Thayse			
Dist. 3 R. Englebert			
Dist. 4 N. Robillard			
Dist. 5 J. Miller			
Dist. 6 K. Fisher			
Dist. 7 C. Morkin			
Dist. 8 C. Jeanquart			
Dist. 9 R. Shaw			
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Dist. 11 M. Rusnak			
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Dist. 18 V. Chomeau			
Dist. 19 P. Voight			
Dist. 20 W. Kalms			
Dist. 21 J. Gunnlaugsson			

Majority Vote

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WHEREAS, the limited state funding for Crisis services makes it difficult for counties to implement new evidence-based services, such as mobile crisis workers that could meet law enforcement officers in the field for crisis calls, that would reduce the need for law enforcement involvement and provide a more trauma-informed response to crisis situations, 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 Door 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, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Door 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 Door County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum


Motion to Approve Adopted

1st Norton Defeated

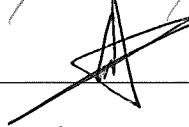
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Yes: _____ No: _____ Exc: _____

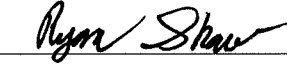
SUBMITTED BY: Health and Human Services Board




 Niesha Norton, Chair



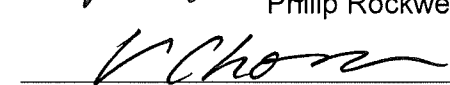
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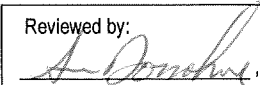


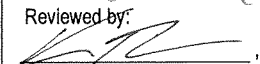
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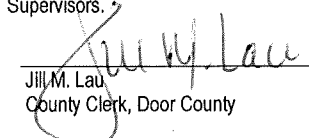
Reviewed by:  , Corp. Counsel

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FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this resolution. STW

Certification:

I, Jill M. Lau, Clerk of Door County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 27th day of August, 2024 by the Door County Board of Supervisors.


 Jill M. Lau
 County Clerk, Door County