

Comprehensive Community Services

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RUSK COUNTY

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL	✓		
2. JERRY BILLER			✓
3. ALAN RATHSACK	✓		
4. TONY HAUSER			✓
5. TERRY WEDWICK			✓
6. ROBERT STOUT	✓		
7. RANDY TATUR			✓
8. TOM CUDO			✓
9. PHIL UNTERSCHUETZ			✓
10. JON UNTERSCHUETZ	✓		
11. PHIL SCHNEIDER	✓		
12. JIM MEYER	✓		
13. MARK SCHMITT	✓		
14. JOHN KALEPP	✓		
15. TOM HANSON	✓		
16. LOIS GOODE	✓		
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM	✓		
18. MICHAEL HRABAN	✓		
19. DAN GUDIS	✓		
TOTAL	13	0	6

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

Motion to Approve: _____ Adopted Defeated

1st Meyer 2nd Kalepp

No: 0 Yes: 13 Exc: 6

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: Jimie Milk, Finance Director

FISCAL IMPACT: (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

\$0 reimbursed through billing & WIMCR reporting

Certification:

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 25 day of October, 2022 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Connie Meyer
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County Clerk, Rusk County

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services is one of nine county agencies
2 within the Recovery Wellness Consortium (RWC) in Western Wisconsin receiving
3 federal and state funding through the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
4 Program, which provides intervention services for children and adults with mental health
5 and substance abuse issues; and

6 **WHEREAS**, CCS services are provided to individuals across the lifespan,
7 through coordination provided by a Service Facilitator, however the consumer must meet
8 certain functional and financial eligibility requirements, including a determination that
9 the consumer will benefit from CCS services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Rusk County Health & Human Services has contracted for Service
11 Facilitator positions since program inception in 2015, and

12 **WHEREAS**, the community at large is experiencing a methamphetamine
13 epidemic of unparalleled proportion resulting in a significant increase in children &
14 family services out-of-home care placements, evidenced by over 90 percent attributable
15 to methamphetamine use and abuse; and

16 **WHEREAS**, we currently maintain no waitlist for mental health and substance
17 use services through the CCS program for children and adults; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the crisis response program through the Department remains one
19 of the primary entry points for individuals who have not had the benefit of recovery
20 services such as those offered through the CCS program; and

21 **WHEREAS**, because the Department is not able to proactively engage
22 individuals in crisis, their conditions deteriorate to the point where they require deep end
23 services at a much higher cost to taxpayers (e.g. hospitalization, including placements at
24 Winnebago Mental Health Institute and Trempealeau County Health Care Center whose
25 costs range from \$1,250 per day at Winnebago to \$10,000 per month at Trempealeau);
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Director of the Department of
28 Human Services that in conjunction with the Recovery and Wellness Consortium (RWC)
29 that the six (6) positions to provide CCS services be created as Rusk County employees
30 to address the increase in service needs for children and adults; and

31 **WHEREAS**, these CCS positions would be fully funded through CCS funding
32 from the state and federal government; and

33 **WHEREAS** with these positions, the Department will continue take advantage
34 of available programming through the strength of the nine county consortium accessing
35 providers not necessarily available to Rusk County consumers addressing mental health
36 and substance abuse issues, and

37 **WHEREAS**, through an increase in the provision of CCS recovery services, the
38 Department anticipates a reduction in the length of time a child is in out-of-home care, a
39 continuation of no waitlist, and less reliance on the crisis system, thereby leading to a
40 reduction in deep end placements for adults and children; and

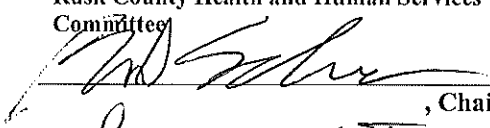

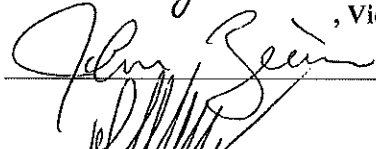
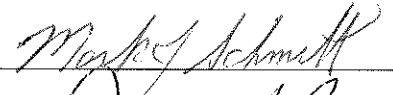
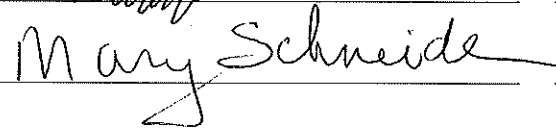
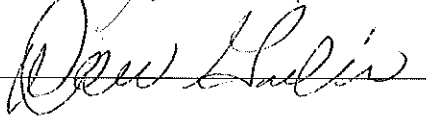
41 **WHEREAS**, the Health and Human Services Board has reviewed and does
42 approve the creation of six (6) full-time positions within the Adult Services division in
43 conjunction with continued participation in the Recovery and Wellness Consortium;

44 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective upon passage of this

1 resolution, that permission is granted to the Health and Human Services Director to create
2 six (6) full-time Service Facilitator positions within the structure of the Adult Services
3 division of the Department of Human Services to work to serve consumers in need in a
4 more expeditious manner; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these positions shall be funded by using
7 the Medicaid revenue generated by these positions productivity as well as the CCS
8 reconciliation process; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Human Services shall
11 utilize the Medicaid revenue from state and federal funding sources to permanently fund
12 these positions; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the state and federal funding
15 necessary to fund these positions no longer be available or be reduced significantly, these
16 positions may be eliminated by the County Board of Supervisors.
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SUBMITTED BY:

Rusk County Health and Human Services
Committee

 _____ Randy Lutes, Chairman	 _____ Thomas D. Johnson
 _____ John Seim, Vice Chairman	 _____ Mark Schmitt
 _____ Mary Schneide	 _____ Dew Ladin