

Resolution No. 26 -19

Resolution Encouraging Wisconsin Counties Association to work with Wisconsin State Legislature to provide for Additional Programs and Funding for Combating and Treatment of Methamphetamine Abuse

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, methamphetamine has been and continues to be an epidemic level problem in Polk County and throughout much of the State; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine can be directly linked to approximately 70% of the out of home placements performed by child protective services in Polk County and the issue affects many other areas of human services activities, creating an unprecedented need for services and demonstrating a pronounced lack of funding; and

WHEREAS, the substantial caseload volume of methamphetamine cases has created an unparalleled burden on personnel and resources in law enforcement and the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, methamphetamine has been routinely forgotten when creating new programs or allocating funding for substance abuse at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, county resources alone are insufficient to tackle a problem of this scope and magnitude; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Polk County calls on the State of Wisconsin to establish grants to increase funding for prevention programs, narcotics enforcement equipment and personnel, special prosecutors, and judicial personnel such as court commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Wisconsin consider approving additional funding to expand existing programs such as treatment courts funded by Treatment Alternatives and Diversion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BadgerCare standards be altered to cover substance abuse services in a jail setting and drug screening determined to be more than medically necessary, but recognized as a methamphetamine treatment best practice and supported by evidence based decision making.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Clerk be directed  
42 to send a copy of this resolution to the Polk County legislative delegation, Governor Tony  
43 Evers, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.  
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Offered on the 6 day of June, 2019

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Brad Olson, Supervisor, District #1

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Doug Route, Supervisor, District #2

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Dean Johansen, Chair,  
Supervisor, District #3,

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Chris Nelson, Supervisor, District #4

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Tracy LaBlanc, Supervisor, District #5

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Brian Masters, Supervisor, District #6

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Michael Prichard, Supervisor, District #7

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James Edgell, Supervisor, District #8

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Kim O'Connell, Supervisor, District #9

Larry Jepsen  
Larry Jepsen, Supervisor, District #10

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Jay Luke, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair,  
Supervisor, District #11

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Michael Larsen, Supervisor, District #12

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Russell Arcand, Supervisor, District #13

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John Bonneprise, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair,  
Supervisor, District #14

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Joe Demulling, Supervisor, District #15

*County Administrator's Note:*

Recommended

Nick Osborne

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County Administrator

*Fiscal Impact Note:*

Advisory only. No immediate direct impact.

Maggie Wickre

Maggie Wickre, Finance Director

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Malia T. Malone

Malia T. Malone, Corporation Counsel

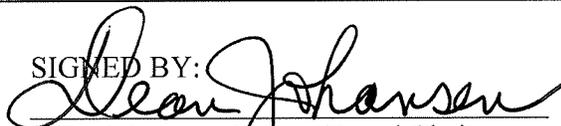
*Legal Impact Note:* No legal impact.

Excerpt of Minutes

45 At its regular business meeting on the 18 of June 2019, the Polk County Board of  
46 Supervisors acted upon Resolution No. 26-19: Resolution  
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- Adopted by a majority of the members present by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ against.
- Adopted by unanimous voice vote.
- Adopted as amended. See Below.
- Defeated
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Insert amendment to resolution according to minutes:

SIGNED BY:   
Dean Johansen, County Board Chairperson

ATTEST:   
Sharon Jorgenson, County Clerk

## Executive Summary

Polk County and much of Northern Wisconsin has seen a dramatic rise in methamphetamine cases in recent years. This is demonstrated by a correspondingly intense strain on the human services, law enforcement, and judicial system. Local budget resources are insufficient and further State level programming and funding is needed to help address this problem.

**CERTIFIED COPY OF POLK COUNTY RESOLUTION**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

COUNTY OF POLK

I, Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk do hereby certify that the attached hereto and incorporated herein is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 26-19: Resolution Encouraging Wisconsin Counties Association to work with Wisconsin State Legislature to Provide for Additional Programs and Funding for Combating and Treatment of Methamphetamine Abuse adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at its regular business meeting held on June 18, 2019.

 6/18/19

Sharon E. Jorgenson, Polk County Clerk

Date