

Report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to expand the scope of previously awarded Opioid Settlement Funds, totaling \$1,412,501, from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) residential room and board services to the broader SUD system of care, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per adopted File No. 17-722, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) authorized the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) to retain outside counsel under a contingency fee arrangement and to file suit against opioid manufacturers and distributors as OCC deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, 2021 State of Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), relating to the settlement of all or part of that litigation, and Section 165.12(4)(b)2, State Statutes, provides that proceeds from Settlement Agreements must be deposited in a segregated account and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement, as provided in the Settlement Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted File Nos. 21-1127 and 23-490, which authorized OCC to enter into Settlement Agreements to receive funds from three Opioid Settlement distributors and five pharmacies, with additional settlements remaining pending; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Board (MHB) approved the receipt of revenue of \$1,412,501 in Opioid Settlement Funds for room and board for residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment on August 21, 2025, with a project period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, and the County Board approved the allocation of these funds under adopted File No. 25-465; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the original award, the 2026 Adopted Budget was changed to eliminate tax levy support for the SUD System of Care, and other funding sources have either not been renewed or have implemented eligibility changes, resulting in gaps across the treatment continuum; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Health Services (BHS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), proposes to integrate room-and-board funding into the broader SUD System of Care and pursue funding on an annual basis, which would allow BHS, DHHS, to more effectively allocate resources, adapt to potential Federal changes, and base funding decisions on more reliable, near-term data rather than multi-year projections; and

45 WHEREAS, the SUD System of Care encompasses Treatment Services,
46 including Medication Assisted Treatment, Residential Treatment, Day Treatment, and
47 Outpatient Treatment, as well as Recovery Support Services, including Recovery
48 Support Coordination, Recovery Housing, Peer Support, Transportation Assistance, and
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51 WHEREAS, the SUD Residential Room and Board Project (the Project)
52 allocation of opioid funding, approved by the County Board under adopted
53 File No. 25-465 and by MHB on August 21, 2025, focuses on establishing funding for
54 the room and board portion of the treatment episode for 87 additional residential
55 treatment beds that have been and are being built; and

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57 WHEREAS, of the original \$1,412,501 allocation, \$353,125 will continue to be
58 allocated to the Project, with the balance of \$1,059,376 being allocated to the broader
59 SUD System of Care; and

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61 WHEREAS, Section 51.41, State Statutes, requires MHB to determine and
62 authorize mental health programs and services, which includes the SUD System of
63 Care; and

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65 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General
66 Services, at its meeting of June 16, 2026, considered File No. 26-478 for informational
67 purposes only, per Sections 59.52(31)(d) and 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

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69 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 18, 2026,
70 recommended adoption of File No. 26-478 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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72 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
73 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to expand the scope of
74 previously awarded Opioid Settlement Funds totaling \$1,412,501, from Substance Use
75 Disorder (SUD) Residential Room and Board services to the broader SUD System of
76 Care, contingent upon approval by the Mental Health Board consistent with
77 Section 51.41, Wisconsin State Statutes, and as outlined in the table below:
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Project Name	Description	Original Allocation	Proposed Transfer	Adjusted Budget
SUD Residential Room and Board	Building upon the Opioid Settlement Project in Cohort 1 to increase SUD Residential Treatment capacity, this proposal focuses on establishing funding for the room and board portion of the treatment episode for that capacity, which has been and is being built (87 additional beds).	\$1,412,501	(\$1,059,376)	\$353,125
SUD System of Care	Treatment Services include Medication Assisted Treatment, Residential Treatment, Day Treatment, and Outpatient Treatment. Recovery Support Services include Recovery Support Coordination, Recovery Housing, Peer Support, Transportation Assistance, and Employment services.	\$0	\$1,059,376	\$1,059,376
Total		\$1,412,501	\$0	\$1,412,501

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) and the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller) to process any administrative appropriation transfers necessary to implement the reallocation described in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes funding in this file to be carried forward if necessary, through December 31, 2028, which is the end date of the original Opioid Settlement award; and

92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administering
93 department, the Office of Corporation Counsel, the Comptroller, OSBP, and the County
94 Executive to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents,
95 and take all actions required for the purpose of administering the programs funded
96 through this resolution.

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