

RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Human Services Board  
INITIATED BY

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SUBMITTED BY



Bette Trimble  
DRAFTED BY

June 11, 2021  
DATE DRAFTED

CREATING 1.0 FTE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has received funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health  
2 Services Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) for its Opiate Treatment Program since  
3 2017; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the amount of the DCTS award has increased every year and Rock County received  
6 \$380,095 in federal fiscal year 2021; and,  
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8 **WHEREAS**, grant funds are to be used for the treatment of individuals with opioid use disorder, co-  
9 occurring opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder; and  
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11 **WHEREAS**, to further expand co-occurring care treatment services the Human Services Department is  
12 requesting the creating of a 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist to deliver services to adults with substance  
13 use and/or co-occurring disorders by providing outreach, linkage, and support services as a peer with  
14 lived experience of substance use or co-occurring disorders; and,  
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16 **WHEREAS**, peer support encompasses a wide range of supports to assist clients in their recovery  
17 from mental health and substance abuse issues; and,  
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19 **WHEREAS**, funding is currently available for the position with existing grant funds and will also be  
20 used to purchase a computer, telephone and hotspot for the new Peer Support Specialist position; and,  
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22 **WHEREAS**, this is a grant-funded position, ending upon completion of the grant/depletion of grant  
23 funds.  
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
26 assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, does hereby authorize the creation of the grant-funded  
27 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist position and authorizes the Human Services Department to fill this  
28 position and purchase the equipment necessary to support this role.

Respectfully submitted,

**HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

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Brian Knudson, Chair

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**CREATING 1.0 FTE PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION**

Rock County has received grant funding for the Opiate Treatment Program since 2017. The FFY21 award (\$380,095) funded through the State Opioid Response 2 (SOR2) grant allows for the treatment of individuals with opioid use disorder, co-occurring opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder, and stimulant use disorder.

The addition of a 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist will allow for further expansion of co-occurring care treatment services. The Peer Support Specialist will deliver services to adults with substance use and/or co-occurring disorders by providing outreach, linkage, and support services as a peer with lived experience of substance use or co-occurring disorders. Peer support encompasses a wide range of supports to assist clients in their recovery from mental health and substance abuse issues.

This position will be funded by the existing SOR grant that is underspent due primarily to a seven-month vacancy of another position. The current SOR funding cycle ends September 30, 2021, and the state has provided assurances that additional grant funding will be available beyond that date.