

RESOLUTION # 30-2020

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$43,980 for Oneida County's Share of Costs to Onboarding Two (2) Behavioral Health Therapist Positions.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, in 2021, a nationwide settlement agreement was reached by and between several pharmaceutical companies and a class containing most states, counties, and a number of cities and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Governor signed legislation (2021 Wisconsin Act 57) which outlines the distribution and use of Wisconsin's share of settlement funds of over \$400 million, with 70% of the proceeds being allocated to Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance approved a plan which earmarks counties' use of the funds toward abatement efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Oneida County adopted Resolution #58-2022 agreeing to the settlement terms with total settlement proceeds estimated to be \$1.48 million; and

WHEREAS, projects and programs benefiting from the funds must comply with the Settlement Agreement restrictions of expenditures limited to defined categories of Treatment, Prevention, and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, according to the Oneida County Finance Director the balance of available Opioid Settlement Funds and investment income thereon, net of any previously approved commitments, is \$819,224.84 as of February 28, 2026; and


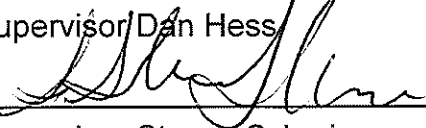
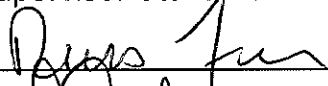
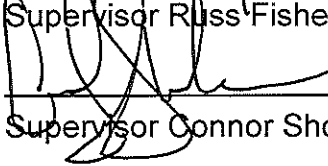
WHEREAS, the cost of each position is \$117,280.00 with a total cost of \$234,560.00 for the two positions; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost for the six-month onboarding period for these positions is \$87,960.00; and

WHEREAS, the positions shall be self-sustaining, funded by insurance alone, and will require no tax levy or additional opioid funds once the six-month onboarding period is met; and

WHEREAS, Vilas and Forest County Human Service Departments are requesting Opioid dollars from their own county's Opioid Fund to provide for their portion of costs associated with these positions; and


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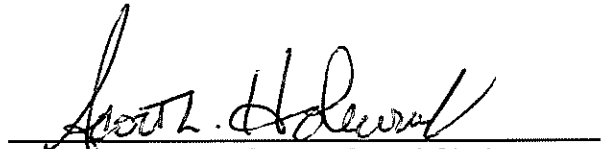
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Supervisor Russ Fisher			
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Supervisor Connor Showalter			

20 Ayes
0 Nays
1 Absent
0 Abstain
X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 21st day April, 2025.

 Defeated


 Tracy Hartman, County Clerk


 Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

47 **WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Human Service Department is requesting Vilas and Forest
48 counties contribute to funding the initial six-month onboarding period of these positions based on
49 the contracted percentage rate of administrative costs; and
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51 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County's costs based on the contracted percentage rate of administrative
52 costs would be \$43,980.00.
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54 **WHEREAS**, the Forest County Human Services Board approved the resolution March 17,
55 2026 and the Vilas County Finance Committee approved the resolution to go before the full county
56 board for resolution March 24, 2026
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58 **WHEREAS**, forming these positions will greatly benefit the residents of Oneida County by
59 providing better access to services and allow the Oneida county Department of Human Services
60 to better discharge its duties under the Wisconsin Statutes.
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62 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program
63 be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and
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65 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this
66 project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds appropriated in the adopted 2026
67 budget.
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71 Vote Required: Majority = 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____
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73 The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes No _____ as reviewed
74 by the Corporation Counsel, [Signature], Date:
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77 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 25th day of
78 March, 2026.
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80 Consent Agenda Item: YES _____ NO
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83 Fiscal Impact

Offered and passage moved by:

85 Included in
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87 Attached

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[Signature]
Supervisor Billy Fried

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Supervisor Scott Holewinski

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Supervisor Robb Jensen
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Aye Nay Abstain

Consent Agenda

Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Timmons	X			
Cushing	X			
Fried	X			
Burns	X			
Newman	X			
Condado	X			
Briggs	X			
Showalter	—	—	X	
Jensen	X			
Hess	X			
Taugtes	X			
Fisher	X			
Lopez	X			
Sorgel	X			
Kilbourn	X			
Alemekinder	X			
Sheppard	X			
Schultz	X			
Oettinger	X			
Hamburg	X			
Holewinski	X			
TOTALS	20		1	
TAGS				

Resolution # 26 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed and Other County Real Estate.

Resolution # 27 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the ADRC Committee to Support Sustainable Transportation Funding in the State of Wisconsin.

Resolution # 28 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize 2025 Budget Transfers.

Resolution # 29 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Create Two Full-Time Behavioral Health Therapist Positions in the Human Services Department.

Resolution # 30 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 in an amount not to exceed \$43,980 for Oneida County's Share of Costs to Onboarding Two (2) Behavioral Health Therapist Positions.

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Oneida County
Opioid Settlement Funding Request Form
 2026 - 2028

Purpose: Form used to request preliminary approval for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021. Detail on permitted opioid related expenditures available by request.

Project Overview	
Project Title	Behavioral Health Therapy Position - Onboarding
Department(s)	Human Services
Proj. Manager(s)	Beth Hoerchler

select one	Committee of Jurisdiction Ranking
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High - resolves serious health/public safety opioid-related crisis; has a widespread impact; ancillary benefits are well-defined; reduces and/or does not burden ongoing operating budget(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium - provides short-term fix for existing opioid-related issue; addresses anticipated health/public safety opioid-related concern; serves broad community needs; impact on operating budget is minimal.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low - address an issue indirectly correlated to the opioid abuse; new project or program which may require long-term funding; impact on larger community is minimal; will require on-going operating budget support.

select one	Expenditure Category
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treatment (support treatment & recovery; connect to care criminal-justice /parent / neonatal)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prevention (appropriate prescribing/dispensing; misuse of opioids; prevent overdose)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Strategies (first responders; leadership/planning; training; research)

Project Description & Justification

The Department is requesting Opioid dollars to fund Oneida Counties portion of the anticipated onboarding period for two Behavioral Health Therapist positions. OnBoarding is the time between hire date and reaching 50% direct client time. When the therapist reaches 50% time the position pays for itself making it financially sustainable. There would not be a need for additional Opioid dollars or tax levy beyond the initial 6 months of employment. The Department is projecting that this timeframe will be similar to the therapist hired by the Department on June 26th of this year. Her percentage of billable time by month is as follows:
 July 5.36% August 26.6% September 33.61% October 42.50% November 48.57%

The Department requested Vilas and Forest contribute based on our contracted percentage rate of admin costs with them. This request is going to full county board for resolution on 03/17/2026 in Forest County and on 03/24/2026 in Vilas County. The request was approved in both counties by the required committees to be moved to resolution. The total estimated cost would be \$87,960 for the 6 month onboarding period of 2 Therapist positions. This total amount would be split 50/30/20 to Oneida, Vilas and Forest counties respectively. Oneida's maximum estimated cost would be \$43,980.00. This number was based on assuming 0% billable time for the first three months and 50% Medicaid/insurance payment for the employees' time for the second three months.

Mental health and substance use disorders are deeply connected and often untreated mental health conditions increase the risk of developing a substance use disorder, including opioid misuse. According to the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 35% of adults aged 18 and over in the U.S. who have another mental disorder also have a substance use disorder. With three Substance Use Counselors and a Psychiatrist specializing in addiction, the Outpatient Clinic serves a high volume of community members seeking or being court ordered to substance use treatment.

Mental disorders commonly co-occurring with substance use disorders include anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, disorders of psychosis, borderline and antisocial personality disorders, and others. Adolescents with substance use disorders have especially high rates of other co-occurring mental disorders, including mood and anxiety disorders, conduct disorder, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Onboarding additional mental health therapists will strengthen early intervention, reduce reliance on substances as a coping strategy, and improve outcomes for individuals impacted by opioids. This strategic use of settlement funds aligns with the intent of opioid settlement funding by addressing root causes, improving access to care, and reducing long-term costs associated with emergency services, inpatient treatment, and criminal justice involvement.

Oneida County Human Service Committee approved on 02/24/2026 to be moved on to the Executive Committee.

	Cost & Funding Summary				
	Fiscal Yr Funding	2026	2027	2028	Project Total
Opioid Funds		43,980.00			
Dept. Fund Balance					
Tax Levy					
Other (grant)					
Total					