

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY



12/19/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing the Human Services Department to Enter Into Contract with Project WisHope

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need in Rock County to support individuals towards a safe and successful recovery from substance use; and,

WHEREAS, WisHope will provide prompt peer-to-peer outreach to support individuals with a substance-use disorder, to sustain and maintain long-term recovery; and,

WHEREAS, Peer Recovery Coaches in this program are individuals who have experience living with an addiction, and have completed an accredited training program to support people experiencing a current addiction; and,

WHEREAS, HSD has been contracting with Project WisHope's sister organization, WisHope Recovery, to provide housing and recovery support to Rock County individuals in need; and,

WHEREAS, Project WisHope has been established in Wisconsin since 2016 and has provided peer support to over 1,500 individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department (HSD) requests a one-year contract Project WisHope, not to exceed \$214,800, for administering the Peer Recovery Coaching (PRC) Program in Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, funds are included in the 2023 Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 12th day of January, 2023, does authorize the Human Services Department to renew a contract with Project WisHope not to exceed \$214,800.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds were included in the 2023 budget for these services.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.01 & 46.23. Pursuant to RCCO § 2.223(6), Human Services contracts for the purchase of client services of \$200,000 or more must be approved by the County Board.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Podzilni and Citizen Representative Reyes were absent.

Executive Summary

AUTHORIZING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PROJECT WISHOPE

This resolution requests approval to continue a Project WisHope Peer Recovery Coaching contract, initiated on 9/1/22, through 2023 at a cost of \$214,800. The purpose is to provide support and guidance to Rock County individuals who are struggling with substance use.

Peer Recovery Coaches reach out to individuals promptly after a referral occurs and provide ongoing support and encouragement to take the steps towards safety and recovery that the individual desires. In this context, Peer Recovery Coaches may provide emotional support, linkage with concrete resources, assistance to link to treatment, and other activities that support recovery.

Thus far, Project WisHope has hired staff and reached out to over one hundred agencies in Rock County to introduce these services. They continue to build partnerships across Rock County to develop a strong referral network. As this program integrates into Rock County, these services will play an increasingly larger role in supporting citizens of Rock County towards recovery.