

# Buffalo County Resolution



**Drafted By:**

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**Presented Month/Year:**

JuLY, 2018

**Involved Committees:**

DHHS & Veterans Services  
Human Resources  
Finance

**County Department:**

DHHS

**Fiscal Impact:** YES / NO

**CA Approved:** YES / NO

**RESOLUTION #** 18-07-01

**A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND A FULL-TIME LIMITED TERM CHILD WELFARE CASE  
MANAGER POSITION AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin, in recent years, has seen a dramatic increase in parental drug abuse and addiction cases in its child protection system; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has experienced increases in its Children and Family Program caseload in line with this trend with the majority of cases involving parental methamphetamine abuse and addiction; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2017 the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors approved creation of a limited term case manager position for a period of months to address the Children and Family Program caseload increase; and

WHEREAS, this staff addition has resulted in more manageable Children and Family Program worker caseload levels as DHHS is now able to meet supervision and documentation requirements and address the needs of families served in the Children and Family Program; and

WHEREAS, DHHS Children and Family Program caseload levels for its three positions are at the levels recommended by current national standards and the 2018 Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association (WCHSA) Child Protective Services Caseload Study Committee draft report; and

WHEREAS, Children and Family Program caseload has been continuously at or above 24 cases for the past year. The ongoing high incidence of methamphetamine and other drug abuse among parents of new child protection referrals supports the prediction of the Children and Family Program caseload continuing to support the need for three full-time position; and

WHEREAS, the full-time limited term Children and Family case manager position is now vacant. The limited-term ends at the end of 2018 and new worker typically needs a full year to become sufficiently trained to carry a full caseload; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby grants authorization to extend the full time limited case manager position an additional six months through June 30, 2019.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 23 day of July, 2018.

Raymond M. Halverson

County Clerk

ATTEST:

Mary Anne McMillan Urell  
County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

DHHS Committee

John B. Kriesel  
John B. Kriesel, Chair

Excused  
Linda Smith

Nettie Rosenow  
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Excused  
Scott Smith

Wendy Kleinschmidt  
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Richard Mueller  
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Joette Gillett  
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Human Resources Committee

Larry Grisen  
Larry Grisen, Chair

Excused  
Bernard J. Brunkow

Excused  
Nathan Nelson

Michael L. Taylor  
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Excused  
Donald A. Hillert

Mary Anne McMillan Urell  
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Finance Committee

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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

	2019	Projected Revenue:	\$0
		Projected Tax Levy:	\$22,146.00
Wages & Benefits:	\$18,711+	\$3,435 (FICA, Retirement & Work Comp):	\$22,146.00