2018 RES-461
ACCEPTING STATE OF WISCONSIN GRANT FUNDS AND
AMENDING 2018 CONTRACT WITH SOAR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.
DCDHS – ACS DIVISION

The Department of Health Services has awarded funds from the Quality Improvement Grant for Crisis Intervention Programs. The grant will allow for a Peer Specialist to be assigned to every person who leaves Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI) with court-ordered conditions for continued treatment due to a mental health commitment or a settlement agreement. A Peer Specialist is an individual who is in recovery from a mental health condition and has been trained and certified by the state. A Peer Specialist engages and encourages peers in recovery from mental health condition and establishes supportive relationships that promote recovery. The goal of assigning a Peer Specialist to work with this group of individuals is to decrease the number of individuals who are involuntarily returned to WMHI for inpatient care.

While the number of emergency detentions is decreasing, the number of people involuntarily returning to WMHI while under court-ordered conditions for continued treatment is increasing. In 2017, 490 individuals were placed under an emergency detention and 126 were returned to WMHI involuntarily for violating some part of their court ordered treatment conditions. Through June 2018, 219 individuals were placed under an emergency detention and 70 were returned to WMHI involuntarily.

The grant funds total $20,000 for the last quarter of calendar year of 2018. With these funds, Dane County Department of Human Services seeks to amend the existing contract with SOAR Case Management Services, Inc. to employ the Peer Specialist that will work with this project. SOAR currently employs Peer Specialists for other purposes. The current grant expands this existing pool. If this initiative leads to successful outcomes, defined as a 25% reduction in the number of involuntary returns to the institute, the state may award an additional $5,000 to Dane County in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following revenue account be credited to the General Fund and transferred from the general fund to the following expenditure account in the Department of Human Services:

Revenue Account Number		**Account Title**	**Amount**
ACFMHLTH	80830	Mental Health Block Grant	$20,000

Expenditure Account Number		**Account Title**	**Amount**
ACFCLSOR	AMSRAA	Recovery Dane Project Grant	$20,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that monies remaining in this budget lines at the close of 2018 shall be carried forward into the 2019 budget.