APPROVING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE TO EXPEND FUNDING FOR PEER SUPPORT TRAINING IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

WHEREAS on September 20, 2022, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of the Opioid Task Force, and,

WHEREAS the task force is tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for community assessment and opioid abatement purposes such as expanding addiction treatment workforce, increasing adoption of clinical best practices, and improving enforcement of mental health parity and consumer protection laws at the state level; and,

WHEREAS Peer Support workers are individuals who have been successful in the recovery process who help others experiencing similar situations; and,

WHEREAS Peer Support workers engage in a wide range of activities including advocating for people in recovery, sharing resources and building skills, building community and relationships, leading recovery groups and mentoring and setting goals; and,

WHEREAS benefits of Peer Support include reducing distress, depression, anxiety, fatigue, and isolation, improves skills to cope with challenges and stick to treatment plans, helps gain a sense of empowerment, control, hope, and optimism and can enhance the quality of life, engagement, satisfaction, self-esteem, and self-efficacy; and,

WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to support the cost for one-time Peer Support training costs of \$14,300.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby approves funding of \$14,300 for Peer Support Training costs.

ADOPTED: December 19, 2023

Sue McDonald County Clerk