


**KENOSHA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Subject: Resolution calling on the Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate funds that would increase the number of psychiatrists and psychiatric advanced nurse practitioners practicing in Wisconsin.			
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Date Submitted: May 3, 2017		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted By: Jeff Gentz, Supervisor Daniel Esposito, Supervisor		Human Services and Legislative Committees	
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Prepared By: LaVerne Jaros		Signature: 	

**WHEREAS**, there is a nationwide shortage of psychiatrists available to treat persons with mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, the ratio of population to mental health providers in Kenosha County has grown from 1,620:1 compared to an overall ratio in Wisconsin of 600:1; and

**WHEREAS**, long waits for psychiatric care can result in exacerbation of mental health conditions and greater risk for hospitalization;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Wisconsin State Legislature to allocate funds to increase the number of psychiatric residents and Advanced Nurse Practitioners in training; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funds should be allocated to provide school loan forgiveness for psychiatrists and APNPs who agree to practice in counties with insufficient mental health providers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that surplus Medicaid funds should be allocated toward higher Medicaid rates for psychiatry and therapy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kenosha County Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenosha County's legislators in the Assembly and Senate.

Dated at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

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Jeffrey Gentz

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Daniel Esposito

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
<hr/> Michael Goebel, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> Dayvin Hallmon, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<hr/> Greg Retzlaff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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April 24, 2017

Jeffrey A. Gentz  
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Supervisor Gentz,

On behalf of NAMI Kenosha County, I fully support the recent resolution regarding the need for more psychiatrists in our community. We receive countless calls from folks searching for a good psychiatrist. We fully support any effort to expand the number of mental health professionals in Kenosha County.

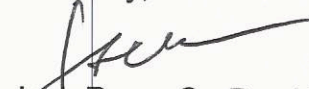
I would also like to mention that the long awaited Martha J. Hollowell Scholarship is now accepting applications due May 15, 2017 to start classes in the Fall of 2017. The Martha Hollowell Scholarship Foundation will award two \$7,500 Scholarships annually to two deserving applicants who have already completed the requisites needed for their Advanced Degree based on the following list of qualifications with the goal of pursuing a:

- Master degree in Social Work
- Master or Doctoral Degree in Psychology
- Advanced Practice Psychiatrist Nurse Practitioner
- Physician's Assistant with Psychiatry Specialty
- Doctor of Medicine specializing in Psychiatry

The applicant must also demonstrate a commitment to practicing in the Kenosha community for a minimum of 2 to 5 years, to serve individuals living with severe and persistent mental health issues.

Thank you for your continued support and please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Rose, Co-President  
NAMI Kenosha County  
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