

Rep. Born: Dodge County jail receives state grant to support opioid abuse

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More than \$1.3M in state grants will support medication-assisted treatment programs

Madison- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services recently announced 16 county jails that will receive grant funding for a medication-assisted treatment program. Included in this round of grant recipients is Dodge County.

“I’m proud to hear that Dodge County was selected to be a recipient of this important program that will address a dire need in our community,” said Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam). “The opioid epidemic has devastating impacts on all of our communities, including in the criminal justice system.”

The medication-assisted treatment program aims to help people stay off of opioids after they are released from jail. Participants will receive a dose of medication before their release. Following release, a treatment plan is put into place that includes counseling and follow-up injections.

“With my past experience working in the Dodge County Jail, I’ve seen firsthand the effects opioid abuse has on inmates working towards the road to recovery,” said Born. “Our ultimate goal is to help these individuals who are struggling with drug addiction become stable, productive members of society.”

The \$1.3 million in grant funding was provided in 2017 Wisconsin Act 261. Act 261

is one of the 30 bills included in the Heroin, Opioid, Prevention and Education (HOPE) Agenda that aims to address the opioid crisis in Wisconsin.