

Sen. Wimberger: Applauds Investment in psychology residency program

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Madison, WI — State Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay), issued the following statement after a unanimous Joint Committee on Finance vote to provide \$7 million to support the next generation of Wisconsin's mental health professionals:

"I'm happy to have joined Senators Felzkowski and Testin in putting forward a real plan to tackle the mental health provider issue in the state of Wisconsin. The governor's proposal spent lots of money on programs and services, but our proposal addresses the actual problem - we need more professionals to provide those services. The Medical College of Wisconsin's program will be targeted at satisfying local community needs."

According to a Kaiser study, Wisconsin ranked 49th of 50 states in being able to attend to the state's mental health needs. Funding for the Medical College of Wisconsin to continue and expand their mental health residency programs, including the Northeastern Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program in Green Bay, will help provide long-term stability and viability of these programs.