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Rep. Sanfelippo: Statement on mental health funding in upcoming budget

“I would like to thank Governor Walker for his announcement to invest nearly \$30 million dollars into expanding mental health services in Wisconsin.

“A person centered model of care delivered in a community based setting offers the best opportunity for those experiencing mental illness to maintain their health and independence, and ability to be full partners in our community.

“It is my sincere hope that Milwaukee County will take advantage of any increased funding it may receive as a result of this investment and finally heed thirty years of expert advice to improve access to evidence based treatment and supports by transforming and modernizing from the current institutional based care model to a more efficient and effective model that will be delivered in the community.”