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[00:00:01] **Speaker 1** By this this motion. I have an article that came to me in one of my local newspapers that my Adams County's folks put together a task force and put together their priorities of things that are needed and what they're going to do with some of this money that's coming to them as individual counties. And I can tick off several of the things that were these were these enhancements. A couple that came out of the law enforcement side of things where they are saying that they need to have additional funds for treatment of incarcerated population. So I do appreciate that. That is something that is in motion. Motion nine C Also in talking with F UHC in my in my district one clinic that currently does the MAT services, there is so much more that they've told me that they could do if they had additional grant funding and how they could do additional wraparound services for the people that are they are currently currently working with and helping. So this is this is a very welcome enhancement to this particular this particular motion. And then finally in our rural areas and it was talked about in the in the press conference also, I know that Boys and Girls Club and clubs in my area have been expanding and they are serving a population that is the the people that we need to talk about, talk to, to try to make sure that we have prevention and resilience training and all the help that some of these kids that are coming to Boys and Girls Club are able to have some additional direction and mentoring. And so much of what they're doing right now will be enhanced with the availability to these these particular grants. I know these things are going to specifically help things, help this epidemic in the 14th Senate District. And I do appreciate that not only how we're going to use these grants overall, but how they have been enhanced to help our rural my rural communities. Thank you, Mr. Rogers.

[00:02:27] **Speaker 2** Culture born. Thank you, Mr. Kocher. Certainly there is no doubt of the magnitude of the problem. The challenge facing families in Wisconsin, our communities and also the senator presented have talked about stories that are stories that everyone has throughout our state. Which to me is why it's all the more important that these plans are well thought out, well developed, working with our community, partners, stakeholders, whatever you want to call them, to make sure that we are making investments in the areas of education and prevention and treatment that have the best impact. Things that build on stuff we've done in our hope agenda, stuff the department already does, stuff that stakeholders do that we know are successful. And while I can't answer the specific question that the representative asked about how many schools and how much they'll get, because we don't know how the department would even implement the program or how many would apply. That's a question that can't be answered. But what I do know is that there is a lot of money right now that pours into our public school systems for alcohol and drug prevention and education for opioids. There's local money, state programs. There's federal programs. And while I'm sure at least I'm hopeful that some of it has some success, and I trust that does not solve the problem. We're not we're not winning. So why would we not then do what we do later in the motion and say, let's look for other places to do more education. Let's find community partners that have programs that we can expand. Let's try some other things. Still putting some more into K-12. We're not giving up on them, but let's stop pretending they're the only game in town. Let's find other people we can work for. Because education is important. Prevention is important. Prevention is another one. We made some changes we didn't do. One of the programs that the department wanted to do, just mostly because of lack of information. But we have a bunch of other areas that target prevention. That was the key to find the details, to find partners. If the department talks to these partners, it was working to work with them. They're sure as heck weren't willing to share that with us. And when we talked with some of these partners, it was pretty clear it didn't seem like they were talking to them. Which is shocking. We have community partners that are having success, that have real programs that work and are used in other states or in the state. Why are we not working with them? So was it worth a few weeks of delay to work with people that are working on the ground unless they have real plans that can be done? Yes, it was. I don't know why the department wasn't doing that. I don't know why the department won't work with us. I mean, Senator, when you talk about the family program, I hear you. And I'm not opposed to working on something like that. But when the department has no details, no information. Maybe they're working with partners and just won't tell us who it is. That's a problem if we're going to explore these new things that can actually help people and let's be open about it. Let's work on some of that stuff. I know, I know the senator's leaving and maybe there'll be someone else here in the future that will want to work with us on that stuff. Because I don't know if it's a good idea or not because I can't get enough information on that. So what we did was focused on things that we knew could have an impact. That's what we've always done. As the Republican controlled legislature for a decade now on whole bills. This continues to expand that. And while it's not the exact plan, you know, there were a number of good things in the plan that we stuck with. There are a number of things in the plan that needed some some clear, you know, partners or guidance. And we made some changes to it. And there were some brand new things of working with partners to bring in. But this is still a really good plan for Wisconsin. It works with the folks that are working in our communities on this issue, and I hope that it will have bipartisan support. Thank you.