



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Gogebic County

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING GEARING TOWARDS PRIVITIZING OUR MICHIGAN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Resolution #2021-

WHEREAS, our biggest concerns with Section 298 was the role of the CMH system. The document describes ensuring a future existence of the CMH system, however, the proposal just like Section 298 simply makes the CMH just another provider for the managed care entity, which is a dramatic shift from what they do today, and

WHEREAS, the proposed SIP is not a public-private joint venture, but a wholly private managed care organization, leaving no role for the public management/oversight, which is currently provided by our PIHP system, and

WHEREAS, in the requirements for creating a new entity, it only outlines requirements to become a Medicaid Health Plan and is silent to all the roles and responsibilities of the current HIPH system (recipient rights, housing and employment supports, community collaboration, etc.) that are core to the social determinants, safety net role, and community collaborative work of the public system, and

WHEREAS, the proposal talks about a more uniform benefit structure, however by allowing for a multiple entity per region approach, this does not provide uniformity with benefits. The Medicaid Heath Plans will not provide the same benefits across regions and the state, like they do today, and

WHEREAS, we believe integration must begin and focus at the patient level on the ground and this proposal focuses on the financial integration. We believe focusing our time and attention on current gaps would be far more beneficial to the people served across the state rather than focusing on financial integration, and

WHEREAS, this proposal lacks public oversight and accountability, it eliminates the PIPHP system and dramatically reduces the role of the CMHSP system and all but eliminates public accountability, and

WHEREAS, this proposal does not eliminate any layers, MHPs will pick up the managed care functions from PIHPs at a much higher cost, 15% vs 6%, this money will be removed from the care our people are receiving today.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gogebic County Board of Commissioners, State of Michigan, opposes moving our Community Health system from publicly run to privately run, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, State Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth, and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)

Adopted this 26th day of May 2021

James A. Lorensen, Chairperson

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