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RESOLUTION OPPOSING PRIVATISING THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

WE, the Mackinac County Board of Commissioner, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration

WHEREAS, the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, has entered into an agreement with Hiawatha Behavioral Health, pursuant to Section 100seq. and Section 205 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (MCL330.1100 et seq; MCL330.1205); and

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health Authority is a community mental health authority of the County of Mackinac, organized under the terms of Section 204(a) of the Michigan Mental Health Code, (MCL330.1204[a]; and

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area; and

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health Authority has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide a broad array of innovation, cutting edge, community mental health services for the past 50 years and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232(a) of the Code (MCL330.1232[a]); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose the integration proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners supports Hiawatha Behavioral Health as a public behavioral health system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Whitmer, State Representatives and State Senators, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities Administration and Michigan Association of Counties.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: Patrick

Supported by: Krause

Ayes: Hill, Krause, Lehrke, Mephee, Patrick

Nays: none

Absent: none

Dated: June 10, 2021


James B. Hill, Chair

I, Lori Johnston, Clerk of the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted by the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on the 10th day of June, 2021.


Lori Johnston, County Clerk