

2020-005

**COUNTY OF BENZIE
PRESERVE THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Michigan's public mental health system provides one of the broadest arrays of cutting-edge community based mental health services and supports in Manistee and Benzie Counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) were created by County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1204a of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, The Benzie County Board of Commissioners supports the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management; and

WHEREAS, Centra Wellness Network (CWN) is a Community Mental Health Services Program serving residents of Manistee and Benzie Counties; and

WHEREAS, CWN provided specialty mental health services and supports to 1,595 persons with serious mental health and intellectual developmental disabilities in FY2018 and many of these persons are Medicaid recipients; and

WHEREAS, the public mental health system in Michigan is based on the Federal Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1963 and grounded in the Michigan Mental Health Code, Public Act 258 of 1974 which created a state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services; and


WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is proposing to redesign the structure system for the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder services to one in which there are numerous private health plans managing mental health supports and services; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement ensures that shared state and county mental health policy objectives are accountable to local communities and their elected representatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Benzie County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes any CMHSP system redesign that removes control from the local communities and reduces input from persons served and local elected representatives.

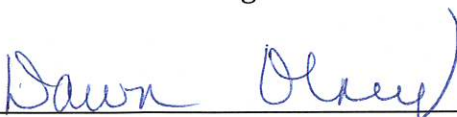
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Whitmer, Senator VanderWall, Representative O'Malley, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Dated: February 15, 2020



Bob Roelofs, Chair
Benzie County Board of Commissioners

I, Dawn Olney, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution #2020-005 adopted by the Benzie County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on the 25th day of February, 2020.



Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk