



**Manistee County Board of Commissioners**  
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**Resolution #2020-3**  
**MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO PRESEVE THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 18<sup>TH</sup> Day of February, 2020.

PRESENT: Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

ABSENT: Bergstrom

The following resolution was offered by Schmidt and seconded by Batzer:

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's public mental health system provides one of the broadest array 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 Manistee 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 Manistee 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.

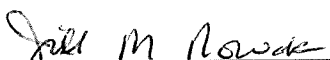
I, Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manistee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 18<sup>TH</sup> Day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

YEAS:	5	Batzer, Dontz, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt
NAYS:	0	None
ABSENT:	1	Bergstrom
NOT VOTING:	1	Goodman

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 18<sup>TH</sup> Day of February, 2020.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

  
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Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk