

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 19, 2019

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE USE OF LOCAL COUNTY FUNDS FOR LOCAL
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Introduced by the Health & Human Services Committee

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Whitacre.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners having entered into an enabling resolution to create the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties pursuant to Section 100 et seq. and Section 205 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (MCL330.1100 et seq; MCL330.1205) with Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties is a community mental health authority of the counties of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham, organized under the terms of Section 204(a) of the Michigan Mental Health Code (the 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, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide community mental health services for over 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]); and

WHEREAS, Section 202(1) of the Code (MCL330.1202[1]) requires that the state shall financially support, in accordance with chapter 3, community mental health services programs that have been established and that are administered according to the provisions of this chapter; and

WHEREAS, there are also established in the state entities known as Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which receive Medicaid funds and distribute them to Community Mental Health Services Programs and other Medicaid providers; and

WHEREAS, Appropriations Bill Public Act 207 of 2018, Article X, Part 2 Provisions Concerning Appropriations, General Sections, Behavioral Health Services, Section 928 (1)

states, “Each PIHP shall provide, from internal resources, local funds to be used as a bona fide part of the state match required under the Medicaid program in order to increase capitation rates for PIHPs. These funds shall not include either state funds received by a CMHSP for services provided to non-Medicaid recipients or the state matching portion of the Medicaid capitation payments made to a PIHP.”; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties and the counties that it represents are not a state designated PIHP; and

WHEREAS, the county of Eaton has a strong desire to keep local funding at the local level to meet the financial liability of the county pursuant to Section 302(1) of the Code (MCL330.1301[1] and to respond to the behavioral health needs in this county.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the use of these local county funds for local community mental health services as provided for under the Michigan Constitution and Michigan Mental Health Code, and urges removal of the Section 928 provision that requires local funds be used as part of the state match requirement from the state budget boilerplate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives members to eliminate similar language mentioned above in future State funding appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Senate and House of Representatives ensure that the current level of Medicaid funding is not negatively impacted by the removal of Section 928; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provide to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Thomas Barrett, Representative Angela Witwer, Representative Sarah Lightner, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, the Michigan Association of Counties and the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan. Carried.