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September 9, 2021

“Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler to adopt Resolution #2021-09-01;

RESOLUTION #2021-09-01

OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving approximately 24,900 residents in Roscommon County each year; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority was created by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under the Community Mental Health Act of 1963; and

WHEREAS, Every year thousands of individuals and their families in this community depend on the public behavioral health system for daily and life-long supports and services; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority opposes any behavioral health redesign that harms the state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services and/or seeks to privatize Medicaid behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners believes recent proposals in the Michigan House and Senate fundamentally change the public behavioral health system and will harm those served by the system for the following reasons:

- Beneficiaries would stand to lose access to services, supports and input into the design and operation of their services and supports system. Many Michiganders would be left out of the redesign proposals completely;
- Public oversight, governance, operations and accountability would be ended;
- Current proposals for redesign are not based on performance metrics related to positive outcomes, effectiveness and efficiency measures associated with the current public system. Also, there is no clear statement about the problems that the Senate or House are attempting to address or solve;
- The Senate proposal specifically incentivizes and prioritizes profits to private companies at the expense of the public and the beneficiaries served by the public behavioral health system;

WHEREAS, Instead of damaging our public behavioral health system through pursuit of these proposals recent innovations by the public behavioral health system should be supported. The Roscommon Board of Commissioners supports and asks our Legislative and Executive Branch leaders to support;

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Behavioral Health Homes
- Opioid Health Homes
- State Innovation Models

- Local primary and behavioral health integration infrastructure and care coordination at the point of service delivery

WHEREAS, The public behavioral health system is the safety net system for our state’s most vulnerable and needy people, we believe strongly that the public safety net behavioral health system must remain public in governance, accountability, funding and operation and we believe strongly that representatives in the community and to the whole board of directors through participation in local public board meetings under the Open Meetings Act, and recent proposals by the Michigan Senate and House eliminate these key features of the behavioral health system, we stand united in opposing these proposals, and

WHEREAS, The premise of these proposals seems to be that privatization (Senate) and state-centralization (House) are better than local access, local control, local accountability, collaborative regional/local management and local oversight. These are just a few of the beneficial features of the current public behavioral health system that the House and Senate proposals ignore and for these reasons we stand united in opposition to them, and

WHEREAS, Having come through a recent pandemic, and currently dealing with further results of the pandemic, this is no time for a major upheaval of the public behavioral health system that so many thousands of persons, their families and entire communities rely on for support. The public behavioral health safety net has ensured continued services and supports for all these people in our communities throughout the pandemic period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, that we request that our policy making representatives support, improve and strengthen the public behavioral health safety net system, and that you support improvements in the delivery of publicly governed, publicly accountable, publicly operated regional and community-based systems, invest in and expand initiatives that are proven to improve citizen access, beneficiary engagement, individual and population health, behavioral wellbeing, quality of life and community betterment such as those mentioned above. These are among the accomplishments of the public system that would be destroyed by pursuing these new legislative proposals.

On Roll Call:

Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler

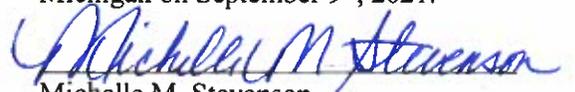
Nays: None

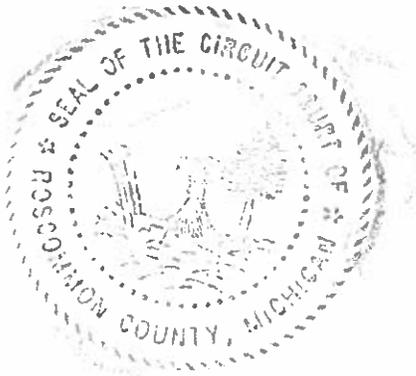
Resolution Adopted

State of Michigan }
County of Roscommon }

I, Michelle M. Stevenson, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Roscommon do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on September 8th, 2021. That I have compared the same with the original and it is a copy transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereafter.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal at Roscommon, Michigan on September 9th, 2021.


Michelle M. Stevenson
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners



TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 16th day of September, 2021 with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Thomas Young, Thomas Rowland, Doug DuRusso, Dan Grinstead

Commissioners Absent: Kim Vaughan

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Grinstead.

Resolution to Exempt Certain Counties from the Recently Updated Open Meetings Act (OMA)

Resolution 2021-13

Whereas, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners has concerns regarding the decisions made regarding PA 254, and

Whereas, prior to the most recent amendments to the OMA, it was generally well-settled that members of a public body could participate in a meeting electronically so long as a quorum of the public body was physically present at the meeting location, and

Whereas, before March 31, 2021 and retroactive to March 18, 2020 any circumstances, including, but not limited to, any of the circumstances requiring accommodation of absent members described in section 3(2), and

Whereas, on and after March 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021, only those circumstances requiring accommodation of members absent for the reasons described in section 3(2). For the purpose of permitting an electronic meeting due to a local state of emergency or state of disaster, this subdivision applies only as follows:

- (i) To permit the electronic attendance of a member of the public body who resides in the affected area.
- (ii) To permit the electronic meeting of a public body that usually holds its meeting in the affected area.

Whereas, after December 31, 2021, members of a public body will be allowed to participate in a meeting electronically only in the circumstances requiring accommodation of members absent due to military duty as described in section (3)2, and

Whereas, this substantive change eliminates a public body's previous flexibility to allow one or two members to participate remotely.

Therefore, **Be It Resolved**, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners requests that all counties with populations of 75,000 or less be exempt from the portion of PA 254 that allows only members absent due to military duty to be allowed to participate in meetings electronically.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners submits this resolution to all Michigan Senators, all Michigan Representatives, all Michigan Counties, Michigan Township Association, all Tuscola County Cities and Townships, Gene Pierce, Tuscola Intermediate School District Superintendent and all Superintendents within Tuscola County.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: *Young, DuRusseau, Hineshaw, Bardwell*

Nays: *None*

Absent - *Vaughan*

Resolution declared adopted.

Date 9-16-2021



Thom Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on September 16, 2021.

Date 9-16-2021



Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

County of Muskegon



MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE GENERAL WELFARE

At a regular meeting of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, Muskegon County, Michigan, held on 14th day of September, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. local time, the following resolution was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Muskegon County being both informed about the risks and benefits of available medical treatment such as vaccines; as well as maintaining the sacred inalienable right to make autonomous choices about their own health are essential to securing both the general Welfare and securing the Blessings of Liberty as they are protected by the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we, the Board of Commissioners for Muskegon County believe that the medical decisions of citizens are best made in consult with their healthcare professional who is knowledgeable of the citizens health history;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, Muskegon County messaging henceforth related to vaccines shall encourage citizens to discuss the risks and benefits of any such treatment with their chosen healthcare provider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Muskegon County shall NOT question any citizens claim, or parents' claim on behalf of their children, to exemption from wearing a facemask or any other similarly mandated activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Muskegon County shall NOT require of or mandate to any employee, prospective employee, or contractor any form of vaccine or similar medical treatment, verification or COVID-19 test verification as a general condition of employment; and will NOT encourage employers located within Muskegon County to establish such mandates that so hinder medical autonomy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners does hereby ENCOURAGE the citizens of Muskegon County to continue to increase their awareness of available preventative measures and therapies by discussing the risks and benefits of available preventative measures and therapies with their chosen healthcare provider; and

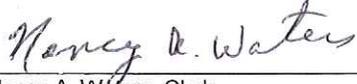
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its September 14, 2021, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner Zach Lahring, support by Commissioner Wilkins, the aforementioned resolution.

Ayes: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Rillastine Wilkins

Nays: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on September 14, 2021.



Nancy A. Waters, Clerk
County of Muskegon

9/20/21
Date

