



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-25

#### **Opposing Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration 'Proposal and Supporting Pathways Community Mental Health Services Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, has entered into an enabling resolution to help create North Country Community Mental Health Authority, 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); and

**WHEREAS**, North Country Community Mental Health, 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**, North Country Community Mental Health has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide a broad array of innovative, cutting edge, community mental health services 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 Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose Senate Bill 597 and 598 and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Mental Health Code and Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal was formerly called Section 298 and that pilot program that provided the foundation for this latest proposal was abandoned as unworkable, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners supports North Country Community Mental Health Authority's program system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Wayne Schmidt, 37 District State Senator, Sue Allor, State Representative, 106th House District, John Damoose, State Representative, 107<sup>th</sup> House District, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel,

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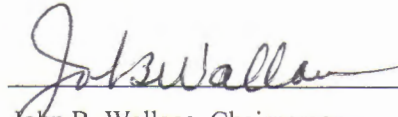
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Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration, Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Dated: November 23, 2021



John B. Wallace, Chairperson

Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

I, Karen L. Brewster the undersigned, the Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, Cheboygan County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners as its regular or reconvened meeting held on the November 23, 2021, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public Notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of November, 2021.



Karen L. Brewster

Cheboygan County Clerk/Register