

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson
Robert Showers
Vice-Chairperson
David Pohl

Members
Bruce DeLong
Jack Enderle
Eileen Heideman
Adam C. Stacey
Kam J. Washburn

COURTHOUSE
100 E. STATE STREET
ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN 48879-1571
989-224-5120



Administrator
Ryan L. Wood
Clerk of the Board
Diane Zuker

RESOLUTION 2014-4

SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION

- WHEREAS, The Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMH) has served, for the past 50 years, as the public mental health and developmental disability services provider for this community, annually serving more than 11,000 residents of the tri-county community; and
- WHEREAS, CMH is required to provide community safety net services including: 24 hour per day/7 day per week crisis services, in-patient and outpatient psychiatric care, mental health and developmental disability assessment and treatment, coordination with local law enforcement, schools, judiciary, and the Department of Human Services; and
- WHEREAS, CMH is entitled to a sufficient amount of state general funds to provide support and recovery services in this community for citizens of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties whom are not eligible for Medicaid; and
- WHEREAS, The State of Michigan and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid have approved the expansion of Medicaid through the Healthy Michigan Plan; and
- WHEREAS, The State of Michigan has projected savings to the State's Community Mental Health System, as a result of the implementation of the Healthy Michigan Plan, which are overly optimistic and has, as a result, adopted a Fiscal Year 2014 budget which reduces the State General Fund payments to the state's CMH system by 72%; and
- WHEREAS, As a result of this reduction in the State's funding of the Community Mental Health system, CMH is expecting an annualized reduction of \$6.6 million in its state support – the result of reducing CMH's current State General Fund revenue of \$9.2 million per year to \$2.6 million per year; and

WHEREAS, This overly optimistic savings projection leaves unfunded:

- services to the more than 30,000 tri-county residents who will not be covered by Medicaid nor commercial insurance, even after the expansion of Medicaid coverage under the Healthy Michigan Plan
- services to thousands of tri-county residents provided in county and city jails and juvenile facilities which cannot be covered by Medicaid funds
- services to thousands of tri-county residents whose Medicaid eligibility is contingent upon CMH paying the deductible for these services with State General Fund or county dollars (“spend down” clients)
- services to persons in need of mental health or developmental disability services during the periods in which they are transitioning between insurance plans and Medicaid; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners is in support of restoration of the community mental health general fund appropriation, in the State’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, to a level consistent with more accurate savings projections, sufficient to serve the mental health and developmental disability needs of the residents of Clinton County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held February 25, 2014 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk