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## **RESOLUTION 2021-9**

### **OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT FAIL TO HONOR THE EXISTING STATE AND COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties is a multi-county Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) serving residents of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties. CMHA-CEI provides specialty mental health services and supports to a yearly average of 12,000 persons with serious mental health, youth with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and individuals with substance use disorders.

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. This created a state and county partnership for community mental health and related safety net services; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement ensures that shared state and county mental health policy objectives are accountable to local communities and their elected representatives. This arrangement also ensures that resource and care decisions are ultimately accountable through board governance to the persons and families that need public mental health services, including allocated PA2 funding; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan legislature is considering health care integration proposals that would dramatically reduce the role of CMHSPs and county governments by severing them from shared governance responsibility, input or financial oversight of public mental health and substance use disorder services, including allocated PA2 funding; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Legislature is considering proposals to create new centralized management systems overseen by partisan or private interests and removed from local accountability, service delivery and recipient rights protections: and

WHEREAS, The Michigan legislature is considering proposals that will permit the fragmentation of specialty mental health and substance use disorder services and administrative usurpation of core CMHSP responsibilities that have otherwise been duly authorized by county action; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County strongly opposes any legislative changes that fails to honor the existing state and county partnership for community mental health and substance use disorder services and accountability to the communities, persons, and families receiving these services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes any legislative changes that reduces the role of CMHSPs and county governments in the shared governance responsibility, input or financial oversight of public mental health and substance use disorders services, including PA2 resources;

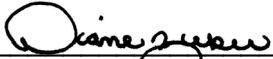
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clinton County strongly opposes the creation of new management systems that will be empowered to pursue policy decisions that cause fragmentation of services and usurp the administrative roles and responsibilities of CMHSPs including inherent service delivery and recipient rights protections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clinton County encourages the legislature to support the incremental system changes led by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that are consistent with emerging practices such as the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and Behavioral Health Homes that improve healthcare integration directly at the point of consumer contact, enhance state and county partnerships for mental health services and produce more sustainable outcomes for our communities;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Thomas Barrett, Representative Graham Filler, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Director Allen Jansen, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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 August 31, 2021 and is on file in the records of this office.

  
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Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk