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## **RESOLUTION #2005-5 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS RESOLUTION Commitment To Community-based Long Term Care Services and Support**

WHEREAS, thousands of people with disabilities and older Michigan Citizens currently need or will need long term services and supports to live in the community and this number is expected to grow at a rapid pace over the next three decades; and

WHEREAS, the current long term care system in Michigan is fragmented, overly medicalized, bureaucratic, and expensive - with an institutional bias that unnecessarily forces people with disabilities and older Michigan citizens in nursing homes and other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court in the Olmstead vs. LC & EW decision ruled in 1999 that people have the right to services in the most integrated setting; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan public overwhelmingly support long term care services and supports be provided in their own home and communities; and

WHEREAS, between the federal government, Michigan, local communities, and, most importantly, the disability/older community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, Clinton County Board of Commissioners, by a vote of the membership supports the following:

A) The current Michigan long term services and support system has an institutional bias that must be reformed through a cooperative effort by the federal government, Michigan, local communities, and the disability/older community, especially those who use services; and

B) The long term services and support system must include the principles that home and community services and supports are the first priority and that support services should be provided in the most integrated setting; and

C) No person with a disability or older Michigan citizen should be forced into a nursing home or other institution because of the lack of integrated home and community options; and

D) People with disabilities and older Michigan citizens must have full inclusion in the design, implementation and review of the long term services and support system; and

BE IT RESOLVED that Clinton County Board of Commissioners supports the establishment of:

- **A Single Point of Entry:** Each community or region shall have an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) where people may get information about a variety of long term care options from which they make a choice that fits their individual situation. At the ADRC, each individual, regardless of whether the payment source is public or private, will get information, referral, evaluation, and ongoing support;
- **Money Follows the Person:** A policy of financing public long term care supports for those who are financially eligible where, rather than money assigned to a "bed" in a nursing home or a "slot" in the community as it currently exists, it is assigned by individual need. A universal screening tool is used throughout the state to determine medical eligibility. No one gets more than he or she needs no one less. Through a Person Centered Planning Process, each individual shall have the right to choose how allocated funds are spent on his or her long-term services and supports.
- **A Stable and Respected Workforce:** Personal Assistants help assure quality care and quality lives for the people they serve when they are secure in their employment. Secure employees are paid more than minimum wage, they qualify for health care for themselves and their families, and, receive ongoing training and support. A respected workforce contributes to the community tax base.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners supports reform of the long term services and support system in Michigan that does not result in reducing or eliminating funding to Michigan or the removal of current Medicaid protections.

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 March 29, 2005, and is on file in the records of this office.

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Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk