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RESOLUTION 2013-15 **ENCOURAGING A LOCAL CMH SYSTEM WITH EQUITABLE FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CEI) has served, for the past five decades, as the public mental health, substance use disorders, and developmental disability services provider for this communality, serving over 10,000 residents of the tri-county community each year; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is creating Community Mental Health regions which will place CEI into a region, Region 5, which includes 12 Community Mental Health programs (CMHs) operating in 21 counties and form a single Medicaid Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) region; and

WHEREAS, Region 5 will have over 370,000 Medicaid enrollees, larger than the Medicaid enrollment in 17 states; and

WHEREAS, Region 5 has some of the most poorly funded CMHs in the state, including the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CEI); and

WHEREAS, this funding inequality is not related to differences in need or the cost of providing services, but is the result of past appropriation patterns, the locations of state psychiatric hospitals and developmental disability centers, and past Medicaid billing practices; and

WHEREAS, this funding inequity has led to significant gaps in the public mental health safety net exist in the tri-county region; and

WHEREAS, annually, as a result of this funding inequity, CEI turns away thousands of persons in need of mental health services and is forced to provide less comprehensive and time shortened services than are available to the residents of other parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, if CEI received the same per-enrollee Medicaid funding as the better funded CMHs in the state, CEI would receive over \$50 million additional Medicaid dollars annually – thus greatly improving

the access to and comprehensiveness of the mental health services available to the residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of Medicaid policy, Michigan's Medicaid recipients should have the same access to mental health care, regardless of where in the state they live; and

WHEREAS, the formation of this new regional PIHP, on January 1, 2014, provides an opportunity for MDCH to correct this longstanding funding inequity; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Department of Community Health must ensure that the per enrollee Medicaid funding for the Region 5 Medicaid Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), of which the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CEI) is a part, is increased to that of the better funded regional PIHPs in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Michigan Department of Community Health implement this increase in Medicaid funding to the Region 5 PIHP on January 1, 2014, or initiate increases on January 1, 2014 which will be fully implemented within the next four years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if MDCH makes cuts to the State General Fund (GF) dollars provided to the CMH system, as part of any plan, including Medicaid Expansion, these cuts must come from the CMHs with the highest per capita GF revenues, and not from the more poorly funded CMHs such as the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CEI).

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 July 30, 2013 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk