

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 21-10**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION PRIVATIZING MICHIGAN'S
MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Michigan legislation is being considered that will replace the current public mental health system with one run by private, for-profit insurance companies leaving no role for the public management/oversight currently being provided by the PIHP (Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan) system which will dramatically and negatively affect the quality, type and quantity of services available; and

WHEREAS, many individuals receiving services through their local community mental health also receive assistance and guidance in obtaining housing and finding gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, Section 116(2)(b) of the Code (MCL330.11116[2][b]) requires the Department of Community Health to 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, St. Clair County 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 232a of the Code (MCL330.1232a).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners supports St. Clair County Community Mental Health as a public behavioral health system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Dan Lauwers (25th District), Representative Gary Eisen (81st District), Representative Andrew Beeler (83rd District), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Allen Jansen and the Michigan Association of Counties.


Dated: June 17, 2021

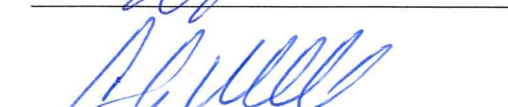
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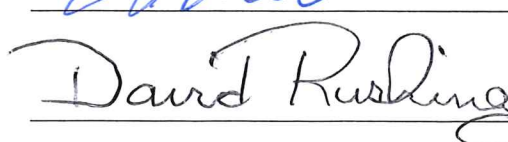
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