

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 8, 2021

RESOLUTION

BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (6/8/2021)

WHEREAS, Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health Authority (BABHA) is a multi-county Community Mental Health Services Program (CMHSP) serving residents of Bay and Arenac Counties. BABHA provided specialty mental health services and supports to nearly 4500 persons with serious mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 2020 and

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 Medicaid 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; 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 any 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 in Lansing and far removed from local accountability, service delivery and recipient rights protections; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan legislature is considering proposals that will permit continued 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 Bay County strongly opposes any legislative changes that fails to honor the existing state and county partnership for community mental health and substance use services and accountability to the communities, persons and families receiving these services; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That Bay County strongly opposes any legislative changes that reduce the role of the CMHSPs and county governments in the shared governance responsibility, input or financial oversight of public mental health and substance use disorder services, including PA2 resources; Be It Further

RESOLVED That Bay County strongly opposes the creation of new management systems that will be empowered to pursue policy decisions that continue 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 Bay 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 Comprehensive Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) and Behavioral Health Homes that improve healthcare integration directly at the point of consumer contact, enhance the existing 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 Kevin Daley (31st District), Representative Timothy Beson (96th District), Representative Annette Glenn (98th District), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Elizabeth Hertel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

ERNIE KRYGIER, CHAIR
AND BOARD

Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health - Opposition to Privatization

MOVED BY: COONAN

SUPPORTED BY: FOX

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
MARIE FOX	X			KIM J. COONAN	X			JAYME A. JOHNSON	X		
ERNIE KRYGIER	X			THOMAS M. HEREK			X				
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			KAYSEY L. RADTKE	X						

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