

# ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk  
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

## RESOLUTION #2014-03

**WHEREAS**, Pathways Community Mental Health has served as the public mental health and developmental disability services provider for this community, serving approximately 110 people in Alger County during FY 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mental Health Code is based on a state and county partnership for the delivery of community mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, Pathways Community Mental Health is required to provide community safety net services, including emergency services, prevention, coordination with local law enforcement, assessment and intervention, jail diversion, and collaborative efforts with local schools, Probate Court, and the Department of Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Pathways Community Mental Health is entitled to a sufficient amount of state general funds to provide support and recovery services in this community for citizens of Alger County who are not eligible for Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has relied on overly optimistic financial projections for the residual community safety net after Medicaid expansion in April of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan plans to reduce the statewide community mental health general fund by 75%; and

**WHEREAS**, Pathways Community Mental Health is expecting an annualized reduction in the general fund appropriation from the FY 12 allocation, which will severely limit the ability of the community mental health program to provide community safety net services and services to persons without Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, this overly optimistic savings projection leaves unfunded, in part:

- Services to the Alger County residents who will not be covered by Medicaid or commercial insurance, even after the expansion of Medicaid coverage under the Health Michigan Plan;
- Services to individuals provided in the jail and juvenile facilities, which cannot be covered by Medicaid funds; and
- Services to residents in need of mental health or developmental disability services during the periods in which they are transitioning between insurance plans and Medicaid; now,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alger County Board of Commissioners is in support of the restoration of the community mental health general fund appropriation in the state's fiscal year 2014 budget to a level consistent with previous years and sufficient to serve the residents of Alger County.

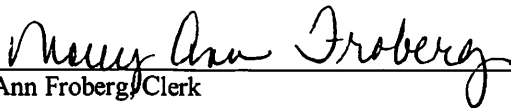
Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014

  
Jerry Doucette, Chairman  
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
County of Alger )

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on February 17, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this February 27, 2014 at Munising, Michigan.

  
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Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk