

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
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RESOLUTION #2016-10

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SECTION 298 OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, Pathways Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 18 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this multi-county community, serving nearly 3,000 residents of Alger, Delta, Luce, and Marquette counties (hereinafter referred to collectively as “participating counties”) each year; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH was created by the participating counties Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code ; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH and four other community mental health service programs representing 15 counties created a regional entity (NorthCare Network) to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and developmental disability services on the Board of Directors as required under 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Pathways CMH and four other community mental health service programs representing 15 counties require representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving services be included on the regional entity Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by the Pathways CMH and the four other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under section 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and


WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the participating counties Boards of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving services from Pathways CMH; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 will result in the elimination of specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in Alger, Delta, Luce, and Marquette counties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the participating counties Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 and encourages the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to prevent it from becoming law.

Dated: March 21, 2016


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 March 21, 2016.



Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk

