

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk  
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**RESOLUTION #2021-19**

**OPPOSING SENATOR SHIRKEY'S GEARING TOWARD INTEGRATION PROPOSAL AND SUPPORTING PATHWAYS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alger County Board of Commissioners, has entered into an enabling resolution to help create the four County Pathways Community Mental Health Authority SP, pursuant to Section 100 et seq. and Section 205 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (MCL330.1 100 et seq; MCL330.1205); and

**WHEREAS**, Pathways Community Mental Health Authority SP, organized under the terms of Section 204(a) of the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code), (MCL330.1204[a]); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health 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**, Pathways Community Mental Health SP has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide broad array of innovative, cutting edge, community mental health services for the past 50 years and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232(a) of the Code (MCL330.1232[a]); now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alger 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; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal was formerly called Section 298 and that pilot program that provided the foundation for this latest proposal was abandon as unworkable, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports Pathways Community Mental Health Services Program system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Ed McBroom, 38th District, Sara Cambensy, State Representative, 109th House 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

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: October 18, 2021

