

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 14th day of March, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin and Rudy Johnson

ABSENT: Conor Egan

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

16-06

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

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health has served for more than 45 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving over 1,200 residents of Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties each year; and

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health was created by the Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and 4 other community mental health service programs representing 14 counties created a regional entity to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

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

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and 4 other community mental health service programs representing 14 counties have required representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability 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 Hiawatha Behavioral Health and the 4 other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b 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 Chippewa, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft County 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 mental health and disability services from Hiawatha Behavioral Health; 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 Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Chippewa County 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.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

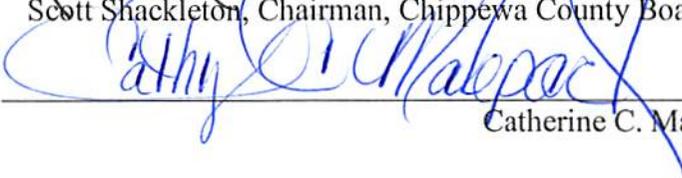
AYES: Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Jim Martin and Rudy Johnson

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



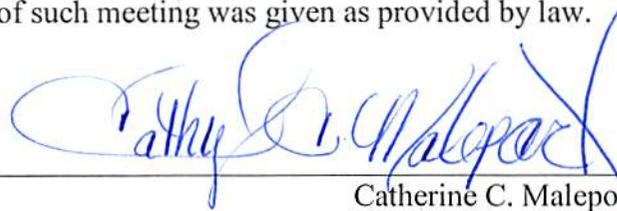
Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk