

RESOLUTION
OPPOSING MDHHS PLAN TO FOR COMPETATIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR
PREPAID INPATIENT HEALTH PLANS
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WHEREAS, The State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through ten Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP's), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PHIP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCO's) assuming control over behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, such privatization could disrupt long standing relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient health plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHP's, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP's), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, MDHHS Director Hertel, State Representative Ken Borton, State Senator Michele Hoitnega, and the Michigan Associations of Counties.

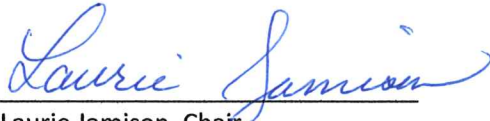
APPROVED AS TO FORM

Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Moeller	Absent
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Moore	Yes
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

ADOPTED DATE:

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on September 25, 2025.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 25th day of September, 2025.



Laurie Jamison, Chair
Crawford County Board of Commissioners



Jamie McClain
Clerk/ROD