

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

- WHEREAS, Gratiot Mental Health has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving nearly 1,800 residents of Gratiot County each year; and
- WHEREAS, Gratiot Mental Health was created by the Gratiot County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Gratiot Mental Health and 11 other community mental health service programs representing 21 counties created a regional entity to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Gratiot Mental 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, Gratiot Mental Health and 11 other community mental health service programs representing 21 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 Gratiot Mental Health and the 11 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 Gratiot 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 Gratiot County Mental 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 Gratiot County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Gratiot 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.