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## MENOMINEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Menominee, MI 49858*

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The Menominee County Board of Commissioners  
will meet for a Special Meeting on  
Tuesday ~ May 30, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m. CDT  
at the Menominee County Courthouse ~ Courtroom B  
839 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Menominee, MI 49858  
906-863-7779

### AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of the Agenda
- E. Public Comment *(Statements, not debate, limited to 5 minutes per person on agenda items only)*
- F. Action Items
  - 1. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Resolution 2017-11 ~  
To Protect the MI Choice Program.
  - 2. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Resolution 2017-12 ~  
To Preserve the Public Mental Health System.
- G. New Business (discussion only)
  - 1. Personnel Items:
    - a. Interview Top two candidates for the County Administrator Vacancy  
(County Board chose four candidates, two of those candidates withdrew their applications.)
      - i. Irina Rivard – 4:15
      - ii. Anthony Person – 5:30
- H. Public Comment *(limited to 5 minutes)*
- I. Adjourn

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### RESOLUTION 2017-11

### TO PROTECT THE MI CHOICE PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, the Senate recently passed SB 135 which contains the following boilerplate language under Section 1852 (***Long-Term Service and Support Pilot – Senate requires DHHS to implement a pilot in Wayne, Macomb, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren Counties and the Upper Peninsula to transition home and community based services waiver recipients into a long-term services and support program administered by an integrated care organization***)

**WHEREAS**, the MI Choice Program is a long term care, in home services program for U.P. residents seeking long term care at home;

**WHEREAS**, the MI Choice Program, administered by UPCAP, uses a local network of service providers including Community Action Agencies, Commissions on Aging, County Agencies and private Services Agencies;

**WHEREAS**, enacting this provision would have the following negative effects on Upper Peninsula residents:

- Closing down the popular MI Choice Program which has been operating since 1988 and has a 98% satisfaction rating;
- Creating a pilot program which would mandate that all existing MI Choice participants receive their in home care from a for profit insurance company;
- Making the U.P. the only region in the State that doesn't give residents a choice of where they receive their in-home care and care management;
- Requiring U.P. residents to have their care provided by a for-profit insurance company that has little or no experience in providing in-home care to the nursing home eligible population

**WHEREAS**, one reason why Section 1852 is being proposed is because, under an existing demonstration pilot (MI Health Link) involving the for profit health insurance company (Upper Peninsula Health Plan) and the MI Choice Program, when provided a choice, 95% of the clients opted NOT to have their care provided by the insurance company, but instead by MI Choice. The new pilot would make it mandatory for residents to be enrolled with the for profit health care organization eliminating choice.

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**WHEREAS**, should the pilot demonstration be allowed to move forward and not be successful, the comprehensive network of services developed over the past 29 years for the MI Choice Program will no longer be available nor unable to fully meet the future community-based long-term supports and services needs of the Upper Peninsula residents.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Menominee County Commissioners opposes Senate Bill 135; Section 1852 and requests that the Upper Peninsula of Michigan be removed from the pilot, allowing MI Choice to continue providing U.P. County residents a **choice** of options like the rest of the State.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES:

NAYS:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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Charlie Meintz, Chairman, Menominee County Board of Commissioners

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Marc Kleiman, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Menominee)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Menominee County at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

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## **Facts Supporting the Resolution**

- The U.P. MI Choice Program is operated by UPCAP and uses a network of providers including county agencies, community action agencies, commissions on aging and home care agencies, etc.
- The UP MI Choice Program serves over 450 individuals in every county of the U.P.
- UPCAP has been operating the MI Choice Program since 1988 and has a client satisfaction rate of 98%
- UPCAP is a charitable private non-profit agency with a board composed of county commissioners from each of the 15 Upper Peninsula counties.
- The for profit integrated care organization mentioned in the boilerplate is a for-profit insurance company ultimately controlled by a group of investors and corporate citizens
- The for profit insurance company has less than two years experience in serving home and community based long term care clients and that experience is met through a contract with UPCAP and its provider network

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### RESOLUTION 2017-12

#### TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

- WHEREAS**, Michigan's public mental health system provides one of the broadest array of cutting edge, community-based mental health services and supports throughout our Upper Peninsula region; and
- WHEREAS**, Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) were created by County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS**, Five CMHSPs representing fifteen counties in the Upper Peninsula 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**, County Boards of Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula region support the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management; and
- WHEREAS**, All five CMHSPs in the Upper Peninsula region (Copper Country CMH, Gogebic CMH, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Northpointe Behavioral Health and Pathways CMH) support the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management; and
- WHEREAS**, Senate and House 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Community Mental Health Service Programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS**, Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendations for 2018 have no accountability to the Upper Peninsula's fifteen County Boards of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS**, County Boards of Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula oppose Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 to implement health plan led pilots; and
- WHEREAS**, County Boards of Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula oppose any involvement in a pilot program in the Upper Peninsula region; and

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**WHEREAS**, Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 will result in the elimination of public specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in the fifteen counties of the Upper Peninsula;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**,

That the Menominee County Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 and encourages the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to prevent it from becoming law.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES:

NAYS:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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