

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 22, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by Chief Deputy Clerk Daniel Miller and a quorum was present.
Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Stevens and Commissioners Kramer, Degenauer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: Chief Deputy Clerk Daniel Miller, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Equalization Director Sid Bray, and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 7. P 1 Request by Prosecuting Attorney to advertise and fill an upcoming full time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position.
 - 6B. 1.. Resolution 2017-10 Protect the MI Choice Program.
 - 2.. Resolution 2017-11 Preserve the Public Mental Health SystemAll Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Approval of meeting minutes:
There are no prior minutes as Dolly L Cook; County Clerk has been out sick.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Angela Carollo, Kurtis Reath, Jacob Maxon, Eliot Merrin, Allison Gregg, Colleen Redding, Eamon Weed, and Lindsay Morel.
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Martin-None
 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve resolution 2017-10 Protect the MI Choice Program. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Dickinson County Resolution 2017-10

RESOLUTION 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**.

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 Dickinson County Board of 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.

Dated: May 22, 2017

Henry Wender, Dickinson County Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve resolution 2017-11 Preserve the Public Mental Health System. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2017-11

RESOLUTION 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

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 Dickinson 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.

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Henry Wender, Dickinson County Chair

Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve

Development of MERS Defined Contribution at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Martin Aye

Kramer Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Motion Carried

- B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- C. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer
 - 1. DICSA meeting minutes of Apr. 13, 2017.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
 - 1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems' meeting minutes of April 27th.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Equalization Director to fill the upcoming full-time Assistant Equalization Director vacancy. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
The Equalization Director explained the opening and also explained why it may be so hard to fill.
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of April 12th.
 - 2. Spring 2017 Mine Inspector report for Keweenaw Land Association mine properties.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the 2017 T-Hangar lease renewals. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request by the Prosecutor to fill an upcoming full time Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Prosecutor Richards explained why she needed this position and how she would advertise for this position.
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Dickinson County Road Commission meeting minutes of April 11th.
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer
 - 1. Dickinson County Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of March 21st.
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Dickinson County Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting minutes of April 4th.

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Martin-None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin-None
11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried
12. Controller's Report.
Controller Bousley stated there were 10 applicants for Dianahs job. He stated the correctional center roof is complete. He stated the water is on at the park. He stated there will be a Memorial Day program here. The Veterans' Office Director has been certified. He stated BSA training is going forward. He stated the auditors are here. He stated the ATV bridge is not complete yet. He stated Active shooter training will be soon and he invited the Board.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Stevens thanked the volunteers at Lake Antoine. He stated we have to think about all those who gave their lives every day, not just on Memorial Day. He stated we should send a letter to the Mayor of Iron Mountain to come to our next meeting and talk about mine inspections and the progress they have made.
Commissioner Kramer stated there are basketball courts at Lake Antoine and there may be kayak rentals and stand up board rentals. She further explained the dark store issues and that they made a national paper.
Commissioner Wender thanked Joe for all the painting he has done at Lake Antoine.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:30 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Daniel Miller, Chief Deputy Clerk