

OCHN Board of Directors Resolution to Protect and Promote Publicly Funded Public Mental Health Services for People

WHEREAS, the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) and Community Mental Health Service Provider (CMHSP) contracted by the Michigan Department of Mental Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to provide accessible, effective, and quality public behavioral health and substance use services to more than 23,000 Oakland County residents; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is the epicenter for access to and distribution of quality public mental health services in Oakland County that provide quality, community-based behavioral services; and

WHEREAS, OCHN serves and supports people who receive public mental health services that have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health challenge, or substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life and ensure their engagement in full community participation; and

WHEREAS, through OCHN's robust and diverse network of more than 188 contracted providers who deliver services on its behalf, life-enhancing supports are made available to individuals and families utilizing a person-centered planning process; and

WHEREAS, recent legislation to privatize the behavioral health system as introduced, threatens to disrupt the community-based behavioral health system, established pursuant to the Michigan Mental Health Code and the Community Mental Health Act as a community safety-net for society's most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, OCHN has established access to an array of supports and Service programs that promote community inclusion and engagement and are exclusive to the public behavioral health system, including integrated physical health and mental health care, education, employment, housing, and justice diversion supports, Recipient Rights protection; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is responsible for ensuring all Oakland County residents have access to crisis and non-emergent supports when and wherever they are needed; and

WHEREAS, OCHN successfully integrates physical and mental health care for people with the assistance of data sharing platforms and coordination services; and

WHEREAS, OCHN has established longstanding community partnerships across Oakland County and the school system that is community and person-centered and geared toward providing services and supports that are culturally relevant to persons we serve; and

WHEREAS, average administrative costs for public mental health entities like OCHN are 6% statewide; 94% of funding allocated to service delivery for people; and

WHEREAS, public mental health entities like OCHN are risk managers and responsible for maintaining the integrity of the community safety net for vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, PIHPs and CMHSP's are subject to Michigan's Open Meetings Act and governed by a county or regional appointed Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, OCHN's service delivery system reflects the input and opinions of the people it serves as captured through annual needs assessments and the Person and Family-Centered Process; and

WHEREAS, OCHN has several programs dedicated to service integration within its network, with the implementation of:

1. Two Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)
2. Seven Behavioral Health Homes (SHH)
3. MiCAL integration with MDHHS as OCHN is a pilot region
4. Police Co-Response Programs and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
5. Complex Care Coordination Programs; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is currently certified by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA), a widely recognized, evidence-based program dedicated to quality improvement and measurement across the healthcare industry, further demonstrating OCHN's ability and commitment to maintaining quality integrated comprehensive care as a public agency; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is a tried-and-true community partner that stands ready to serve the needs of its community, committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Oakland Community Health Network Board of Directors hereby calls upon our citizens, elected officials, policymakers, and community partners to protect and promote Michigan's public mental health system. By advocating to enhance service delivery for people while also ensuring maintaining the integrity and that the oversight of public funding remains under the oversight of a public mental health system.

Board Chair Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-20-2021

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