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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator
Lori Elam, Community Services Director
Tom Sunderbruch, Chairman
Larry Minard, Supervisor

SUBJECT: Participation in the Development of a Mental Health and Disability Services Region

Since April, representatives of the five counties that make up the Seventh Judicial District have been meeting to explore the possibility of planning for the creation of a MH/DD region. Representatives of the five county boards along with the county's CPC person have discussed the similarities and differences of the operations of each of the counties' programs. Last month, each County Board independently developed a set of guiding principles that would be used to draft a 28E Agreement for this new region. The committee condensed those principles into seven.

The group now believes that the five counties are in a position to commit to the development of a 28E agreement following these principles. The resolution that is included for your review would serve as the notice to the State and to other counties that Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine and Scott counties are planning to become a region for MH/DD services. The resolution does confirm that this resolution of commitment is for planning purposes and the final decision will be the approval of a 28E Agreement.

Seventh Judicial Mental Health Regional Exploratory Group

Regional Guiding Principles

July 13, 2012

1. The region must move forward in the spirit of cooperation with trust amongst all, operating on the premise of open communication and respect for differences of opinion.
2. Each county's property tax dollars should be spent on services for their residents.
3. One county, one vote.
4. Each county needs to maintain a local presence (local access office) for their residents.
5. Each county must provide uniform services while including utilization of an open provider panel.
6. The region should not create another layer of government and should maintain current administrative costs, not increase them.
7. Case management providers are chosen by the county, not by the region.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 2, 2012

APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF A MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY REGION THAT INCORPORATES COUNTIES OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed SF2315 an act relating to redesign of publicly funded mental health and disability services; and

WHEREAS, SF2315 expresses the intent of the legislature that mental health and disability services shall be provided by counties operating together as regions; and

WHEREAS, the Scott County Board of Supervisors finds it in the best interest of its residents to make informed decisions on entering into a region based on sound planning; and

WHEREAS, Scott County has initiated discussion with the Counties of the Seventh Judicial District of Iowa (Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, Scott) for the development and delivery of mental health and disability services through a regional structure; and

WHEREAS, these discussion have lead to the development of guiding principles to be used in the development of a 28E agreement for services which are 1) the region must move forward in the spirit of cooperation with trust amongst all, operating on the premise of open communication and respect for differences of opinion, 2) each county's property tax dollars should be spent on services for their residents, 3) each county has one vote, 4) each county needs to maintain a local presence (local access office) for their residents, 5) each county must provide uniform services while including utilization of an open provider panel, 6) the region should not create another layer of government and should maintain current administrative costs, not increase them, and 7) case management providers are chosen by the county, not the region,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Scott County Board of Supervisors that Scott County commits to participate in the planning and development of this MH/DD region incorporating the counties of the Seventh Judicial District of Iowa;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Scott County understands that this is for planning purposes and the decision to join a region would be made when a final 28E Agreement has been approved.