

RESOLUTION #339-94

WHEREAS, Mitchell County desires to provide appropriate services to the mentally retarded, mentally ill and developmentally disabled citizens of Mitchell County; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell County is now faced with extreme funding problems due to current property tax freezes and unfunded mandates imposed by the Iowa State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, we do not wish to be forced to deny appropriate services to any handicapped person in Mitchell County in need of such services.

WE DO, THEREFORE, RESOLVE to enact the following cost-containment measures;

(1) Mitchell County will not approve new placements or services for mentally retarded, chronically mentally ill and developmentally disabled persons except in cases of extreme need, and then to the lowest cost provider who is able to provide adequate services, and

(2) Transfers from one service to a less restrictive level of care may be approved if they will result in a reduction of long-term cost to the county, and will clearly result in a significant step toward independent living or competitive employment.

(3) Funding for services will only be approved when recommended by an inter-disciplinary team or case manager working with the client and none without county review, and

(4) A freeze shall be imposed effective immediately upon passage of this resolution on all provider rates, and no increase shall be paid for the duration of the tax freeze.

(5) Mitchell County may request a client contribution for the cost of services when it is determined by the Board of Supervisors or their designee, the client is able to pay a contribution, and the cost of the service is not reimbursed by state or federal funding, and

(6) Mitchell County may require a family contribution if necessary in order to provide funding for requested and voluntary service.

Enacted this 12th day of July 1994, by the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors.


Don Hendrickson, Chairman
Mitchell County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Sandra Heckstein, Auditor

July 12, 1994
Date