RESOLUTION NUMBER 139-08

RESOLUTION TO JOIN 28E PILOT PROJECT FOR MENTAL HEALTH & DISABILITY COUNTY SERVICE NETWORK

Whereas Senate Bill 3297 states: "The department of human services may establish a pilot project for a regional service network for county mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services paid for with the services funds under section 331.424A of the consortium of counties participating in the pilot project. The initial term of the pilot project is limited to the two-year period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010."

Whereas a consortium of counties will provide greater equity of mental health & disability (MH/D) services in the region,

Whereas a consortium of counties will provide greater equity of funding services in the region,

Whereas a consortium of counties will provide more flexible administration that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of plan administration with limited resources,

Therefore Mitchell County resolves to join the Mental Health & Disability County Service Network by transferring fiscal year 2008 Mental Health & Disability Services fund balance and the current MH/D Property Tax dollars to the County Service Network in exchange for equitable Mental Health & Disability Services coverage for residents of Mitchell County.

Signed by: Joel Voaklander Date: 9-30-08
Chairman Joel Voaklander
Mitchell County Supervisors

Witnessed by: Lowell Tesch Date: 9/30/08
Lowell Tesch
Mitchell County Auditor

MH/D Regional Service Pilot Project Legislation

Senate Bill 3297 states:

a. The department of human services may establish a pilot project for a regional service network for county mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services paid for with the services funds under section 331.424A of the consortium of counties participating in the pilot project. The initial term of the pilot project is limited to the two-year period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010.

b. Under the pilot project, the department may enter into an agreement with the counties participating in the pilot project to administer a risk-based contract with a third party for the mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services provided by the participating counties. The pilot project provisions may include but are not limited to all of the following:
   1) Pooling of the participating counties services fund moneys.
   2) Sharing of slots at state institutions for the participating counties.
   3) To the extent allowed under federal requirements, decategorizing the funding streams for mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities available to the counties participating in the pilot project.
   4) If the department implements a new program, initiative, or service addressing the needs of the populations receiving services paid for by a county services fund, the department may adapt any associated requirements to optimize implementation within the pilot project counties.

c. For purposes of the allowed growth and MH/DD community services fund moneys distributed under this section, the minimum levy and services fund ending balances of the counties participating in the pilot project may be combined and an average utilized to qualify.

d. For the allowed growth and MH/DD community services fund moneys distributed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, provided the counties participating in the pilot project do not reduce levies below the required percentages, the combined percentage of those moneys of such counties shall not be less than the combined percentage of such moneys in the preceding fiscal year.

e. A county's participation in the pilot project and the provisions of the pilot project must be agreed upon by the department and the board of supervisors of each of the counties participating in the pilot project.

f. The department may specify a minimum population level and other prerequisite requirements for the consortium of counties participating in the pilot project.

g. The pilot project counties shall provide periodic performance and evaluation information to the department, governor, and general assembly."