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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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CREATION OF
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan needs an effective and comprehensive system of support services that is designed to improve the quality of life, safety, and independence of people living with mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the system of support services be as strong and as effective as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to continually examine, analyze, and provide recommendations and actions that improve the mental health of all Michigan citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for greater coordination between and across state departments, as well as local systems and agencies to address gaps in the delivery of mental health services throughout the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to assess various state and local agencies to better identify and address those gaps in the delivery of mental health services throughout the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, there have been previous studies, reports, and recommendations concerning the delivery of mental health services and there is a need to review those past efforts to determine what has been accomplished and which recommendations remain advisable; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health and Wellness Commission will advise and assist in strengthening and improving the system of support and the delivery of services, and will ensure that key policy plans and recommendations to improve the quality of life, safety, and independence of Michigan's citizens living with mental health conditions will become reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

I. CREATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMISSION

A. The Mental Health and Wellness Commission ("Commission") is created as an advisory body within the Michigan Department of Community Health ("Department").

B. The Commission shall be composed of the following 6 members:

- The Lieutenant Governor, or his designee from within the Lieutenant Governor's Office;
- The Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health ("Director"), or his designee from within the Michigan Department of Community Health;
- One member representing the Senate Majority caucus, appointed by the Senate Majority Leader;
- One member representing the Senate minority caucus, appointed by the Senate Majority Leader;
- One member representing the House majority caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- One member representing the House minority caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

II. CHARGE TO THE COMMISSION

A. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity and shall do all of the following:

1. Make findings and recommend ways to address any gaps in the delivery of mental health services, and propose new service models to strengthen

the entire delivery spectrum of mental health services throughout the state of Michigan, including but not limited to ways to improve interagency and cross-agency efforts and communication.

2. Take testimony from experts and interested parties, and establish workgroups and/or subcommittees to research and develop recommendations in certain subject areas, as determined by the Commission.
3. Evaluate Departmental recommendations for fiscal year 2014 that address issues related to public safety.
4. Once findings are made, and the Commission's recommendations are finalized, propose any legislation needed to implement the recommendations.
5. Areas of focus for the Commission to research and recommend policy to accomplish the goals set forth in Section II. A. 1. shall include, but not be limited to:
    - Youth;
    - Veterans;
    - Education;
    - Public Safety;
    - Long-Term Care;
    - Employment and Independence;
    - Mental and Physical Health Integration;
    - Societal impacts;
    - Services and delivery; and
    - Other areas as proposed by the Chair of the Commission and the Director of the Department.
6. Provide other information or advice as directed by the Governor or the Director of the Department.
7. Coordinate with the Mental Health Diversion Council created by Executive Order 2013-7.
8. Issue a Final Report of its findings and recommendations by December 20, 2013.

B. As directed by the Director of the Department, Department staff shall assist the Commission with research and the development of plans, policies and recommendations. As directed by the Director, Department staff shall work with and coordinate with other departments, as well as local and state systems, to ensure efficient collection of information and implementation of approved recommendations from the Commission and adopted by the Administration.

C. The Commission shall cease to exist on or before June 1, 2014.

III. OPERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

A. The Commission shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Lieutenant Governor's office and the Department, as directed by the Lieutenant Governor and Director of the Department, respectively. Any budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Commission shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department.

B. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

C. The Director of the Department shall serve as the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.

D. The Commission shall select from among its members a Secretary. Department staff shall assist the Secretary with recordkeeping responsibilities.

E. A majority of the members of the Commission serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the Commission's business. The Commission shall act by a majority vote of its serving members.

F. The Commission shall adopt procedures consistent with Michigan law and this Order governing its organization and operations, and may establish committees or advisory panels with stakeholders including, but not limited to, foundations, non-profits, private providers, and recipients of services, and request public participation on advisory panels as the Commission deems necessary. The Commission also may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by committees or advisory panels.

G. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and as may be provided in procedures adopted by the Commission.

H. In developing recommendations, the Commission may, as appropriate, make inquiries, conduct studies or investigations, hold hearings, and receive comments from the public, non-profits, foundations, and private providers. The Commission also may consult with outside experts in order to perform its duties, including, but not limited to, experts in the private sector, organized labor, government agencies, and at institutions of higher education.

I. Members of the Commission who serve in the Legislature may, among other things, provide perspective on the effectiveness of current services, participate in establishing and evaluating proposals for improvement, and recommend legislation to accomplish the goals the Commission approves and the Administration adopts.

J. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Michigan Civil Service Commission and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, subject to available funding.

K. The Commission may hire or retain contractors, sub-contractors, advisors, consultants, and agents, and may make and enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the exercise of the powers of the Commission and the performance of its duties as the Lieutenant Governor deems advisable and necessary, in accordance with this Order, and the relevant statutes, rules, and procedures of the Michigan Civil Service Commission and the Michigan Department of Management and Budget.

L. The Commission may accept donations of labor, services, or other things of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations shall be expended in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and procedures.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers of this state or of any political subdivision of this state may give to the Commission, or to any member or representative of the Commission, any necessary assistance required by the Commission, or any member or representative of the Commission, in the performance of the duties of the Commission so far as is compatible with its, his, or her duties.

B. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected by this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order.

C. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 20th day of February, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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