

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine and 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 County Board of Supervisors of Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine and Scott 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 Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine and 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.