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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman
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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Kathleen Reynolds, Director
Washtenaw Community Health Organization

DATE: October 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Hiring Patrick Barrie as Washtenaw Community Health
Organization (WCHO) Deputy Administrator at a Salary of
\$120,000

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners authorize the hire of Patrick Barrie as a WCHO Deputy Administrator at a salary of \$120,000, which is above the midpoint for a Level 1 position.

BACKGROUND:

On September 3, 2008, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved the creation of a 1.0 FTE WCHO Deputy Administrator position (BOC Resolution # 08-0147). This position will lead new activities related to a proposed Medicaid waiver and have additional administrative responsibilities in the WCHO related to integrated healthcare, regional activities and consulting opportunities. The candidate selected has credentials and qualifications which meet or exceed the requirements required for this position.

DISCUSSION:

The WCHO is developing new funding mechanisms for integrated healthcare initiatives based on revenue opportunities available from State and federal sources plus grants and consulting activities. Mr. Barrie has extensive experience and expertise working with the State and federal governments. He headed the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Mental Health/Substance Abuse Administration for six years. During that time he served simultaneously as both State Medicaid Director and State Mental Health/Substance Abuse Director. He has been extensively involved in the initial

development, approval and subsequent renewals of Michigan's concurrent 1915(b)/1915(c) Medicaid specialty services waiver program.

Mr. Barrie wrote the monograph ("Revised Plan for Procurement of Medicaid Specialty Prepaid Health Plans"), which proved to be the decisive argument (accepted by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services) against competitive procurement of Prepaid Health Plan, and became the basis for continuing sole-source contracting arrangements with Community Mental Health Service Providers (CMHSP). Mr. Barrie negotiated the inclusion of alternative services (b.3) as part of waiver renewal following the promulgation of the Balanced Budget Act rules and he arranged for the "local match draw-down", which brought in \$60 million in new federal funds over two years. He has extensive experience with legislative processes, appropriations, state budgeting and waiver rate setting.

Mr. Barrie is considered a national expert on Medicaid financing of mental health and developmental disability services. He was a member of the joint national task force (National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors – National Association of State Medicaid Directors) on Medicaid and Mental Health and served as member of the project management team for the Michigan Mental Health Commission. He also authored "A History of Michigan's Mental Health System" for the Commission's final report. In addition, Mr. Barrie served for twenty years in clinical and supervisory positions within community mental health agencies prior to his service as a State of Michigan employee.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

None. All personnel costs for this position are covered by the WCHO.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

This action conforms to all appropriate County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Curriculum Vitae for Patrick Barrie

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRE OF PATRICK BARRIE AS A WASHTENAW COMMUNITY HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WCHO) DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR AT A SALARY OF \$120,000

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO) is a regional organization which manages mental health, substance abuse, and primary care funding for integrated healthcare initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the WCHO is actively pursuing a new Medicaid waiver and other available revenue sources to provide new funding options which will support expansion of the integrated healthcare model; and

WHEREAS, a WCHO Deputy Administrator position was created by Board Resolution #08-0147 on September 3, 2008 to lead new activities related to the proposed Medicaid waiver in addition to other administrative responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrie is considered a national expert on Medicaid financing of mental health and developmental disability services and was a member of the joint national task force (National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors – National Association of State Medicaid Directors) on Medicaid and Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrie headed the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Mental Health/Substance Abuse Administration for six years, during that time he served simultaneously as both State Medicaid Director and State Mental Health/Substance Abuse Director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrie has twenty years of experience in clinical and supervisory positions within community mental health agencies prior to his service as a State of Michigan employee; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw Community Health Organization Board, Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office, and the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the hire of Patrick Barrie as a Washtenaw Community Health Organization Deputy Administrator at a salary of \$120,000.