

RESOLUTION R-17-019

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING
FOR CENTERSTONE PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENCY**

WHEREAS, Centerstone is the community behavioral health provider in Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, Centerstone has been providing psychiatric services to citizens in need for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a shortage of psychiatrists locally and state-wide, including an estimated 250 vacant psychiatrist positions throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Centerstone operates a psychiatric residency in partnership with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and Northside Hospital of St. Petersburg, Florida, to train 16 psychiatric residents annually; and

WHEREAS, two out of three physicians remain in the State in which they complete their residency; and

WHEREAS, each licensed psychiatrist will medically treat more than 40,000 patients during their career; and

WHEREAS, Centerstone, as a free-standing psychiatric hospital, is not eligible for General Medical Education funding; and

WHEREAS the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners understands that there is an important public purpose for appropriating public state funds to the Centerstone of Florida Psychiatric Residency program to increase the number of psychiatrists working locally and to ensure the on-going availability of psychiatric, addictions, and integrated medical care for citizens in need of such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners understands that there is an important public purpose for appropriating public state funds to the Centerstone of Florida Psychiatric Residency program to increase the number of psychiatrists working locally and to ensure the ongoing availability of psychiatric, addictions, and integrated medical care for citizens in need of such services.

2. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners hereby supports the funding requests made by Centerstone to the Florida Legislature and requests that the Legislature provide funds in the state budget for the Centerstone Psychiatric Residency to the fullest extent possible so that more citizens can benefit from the psychiatric, addiction, and integrated medical care.
3. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED in open session, with a quorum present and voting, this 24th day of January 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Chairperson Betsy Benac



ATTEST: Angelina Colonnese
Clerk of Circuit Court and Controller

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

January 24, 2017 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #10

Approved in Open Session 1/24/17,
Manatee County
Board of County Commissioners

Subject

Centerstone of Florida Psychiatric Residency Program - Resolution in Support of State Funding

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Karen Windon, Deputy County Administrator

Action Requested

Adoption of Resolution R-17-019 supporting State funding for Centerstone Psychiatric Residency.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

- Centerstone is a community behavioral health provider, providing psychiatric services for over 60 years.
- Currently, there is a local and statewide shortage of psychiatrists.
- Centerstone operates a psychiatric residency in partnership with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and Northside Hospital (St. Petersburg, Florida) to train 16 psychiatric residents annually.
- As a free-standing psychiatric hospital, Centerstone is not eligible for General Medical Education funding.
- There is an important public purpose for appropriating public state funds to the residency program to increase the number of psychiatrists working locally and to ensure the ongoing availability of psychiatric, addictions, and integrated medical care for citizens in need of such services.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Please email copies of the Resolution to Karen Windon (karen.windon@mymanatee.org) and to Diane Vollmer (diane.vollmer@mymanatee.org). Distributed 1/25/17, RT

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs
N/A

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