

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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