



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** February 27, 2018

**Title of Item:** Mental Health Resolution

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*

<b>Submitted by:</b> Jessica Seibert	<b>Department:</b> Administration
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b>	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
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**Summary of Issue:**

Association of Minnesota Counties has requested each county submit a mental health bonding resolution. Attached is AMC's request and Aitkin County's proposed resolution.

This resolution has been reviewed by HHS Director Cynthia Bennett and supports one of the Aitkin County Board's 2018 legislative priorities.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Adopt resolution.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted?  Yes  No **Please Explain:**



**Reminder to Submit Mental Health Bonding Resolutions**

This email is a reminder to those counties that have *not* yet sent their Mental Health Bonding Resolutions to AMC. **Resolutions can be emailed to Ben Baglio, AMC Policy Liaison, at [BBaglio@mncounties.org](mailto:BBaglio@mncounties.org)** (you can also just hit reply to this email and send an attached copy).

**AMC's membership identified "mental health bonding" as one of the top legislative priorities for Minnesota counties in 2018.**

This priority recommends the use of bonding for mental health infrastructure to help strengthen the mental health continuum of care through regional triage centers for crisis intervention, and the creation of new housing options. These proposals would benefit counties in multiple ways. The triage center approach would reduce the number of people in mental health crisis that are brought to the jail as a last resort. The housing funds would create additional opportunities for moving individuals out of the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center in a more timely manner, reducing the cost share pressure on county budgets.

**The AMC Board of Directors directed staff to draft and distribute a sample resolution supporting mental health bonding to be passed by all Minnesota counties.** During our County Program Aid campaign, the official endorsement from all 87 counties via county resolutions was a significant factor in persuading the Legislature to adopt the proposal. We are hoping to achieve similar success with a resolution endorsing mental health bonding.

**Please click here for a copy of the sample mental health bonding resolution.**

If you have questions about the resolution please contact [Anne Kilzer](#), AMC's Policy Coordinator.

**When your county adopts the resolution, please email a copy to [Ben Baglio](#).**

Thank you for your help in this statewide effort towards supporting mental health bonding!

By Commissioner: xx

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**Mental Health**

Affirming Aitkin County’s support for state capital investments for regional behavioral health crisis program facilities and permanent supportive housing for people with behavioral health needs.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota’s mental health continuum of care is underdeveloped, creating harmful and expensive gaps in an individual’s treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota’s mental health system does not have the capacity to consistently respond to the needs of individuals in crisis with appropriate treatment options; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals experiencing a mental health crisis are often diverted to jails and other facilities ill-equipped for their care while awaiting inpatient treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals ready for discharge from inpatient treatment can be detained at inpatient facilities because there is a scarcity of supportive housing units to transition to; and

**WHEREAS**, the gaps in Minnesota’s mental health system are not only damaging to individuals and their families, but also result in an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota has an opportunity to improve its mental health continuum of care through investments in new permanent supportive housing and regional behavioral health crisis program facilities; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Aitkin County supports state capital investments for regional behavioral health crisis program facilities and permanent supportive housing for people with behavioral health needs.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator