

Staff Report

Subject: Mental Health Resolution
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Department: Administration
Meeting Date: 11/07/2023
Item Description: Consideration to approve Resolution# 023-028 in support of reform and improvement of mental health services

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requests approval of the resolution in support of mental health.

Executive Summary:

The Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) is strongly encouraging every county in the state to adopt a resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for citizens in Georgia.

ACCG asks for this resolution to be adopted by Friday, December 8, 2023.

Background:

Legislators approved House Bill 1013 (during the last session) which provides additional mental health resources for communities throughout the state.

Statistics have shown there is inadequate mental health services and facilities. The jails/prisons systems are the primary facilities to treat those with mental illness. Additionally, communities do not have the resources needed to provide suitable care to those with mental health necessities.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve Resolution# 023-028 in support of reform and improvement of mental health services
2. Do not approve the resolution.

Recommended Alternative: Staff recommends Alternative number 1

Other Alternatives: Move the meeting to another date.

Department Review: Administration

Funding Source: No funding required

Attachments: Resolution