



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, substance use recovery is important for individual well-being and vitality, as well as for families, communities and businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), in 2019, an estimated 9.5 million people 18 or older had a substance use disorder and a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, we will continue to educate and raise awareness of the risks and potential harm associated with prescription drug misuse; and

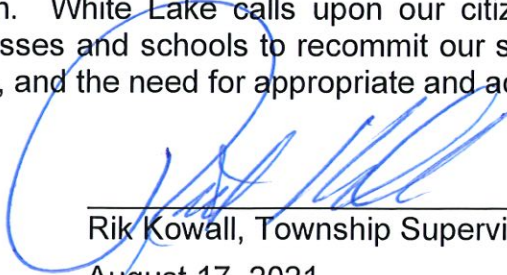
WHEREAS, we believe everyone facing substance use disorders deserve the benefit of recovery; and

WHEREAS, stigma and stereotypes associated with substance use disorders often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes clinically or functionally significant impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder recovery benefits individuals with substance use disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn, and fully participate and contribute to our society, and also enriches the culture of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, White Lake Township hereby recognizes September 2021, as National Recovery Month. White Lake calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to promote recovery.



Rik Kowall, Township Supervisor

August 17, 2021



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NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS, September is known as National Suicide Prevention Month and is intended to help raise awareness surrounding suicide prevention resources available in the community; and

WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed each year on September 10; and

WHEREAS, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, each year more than 48,000 people die by suicide; and

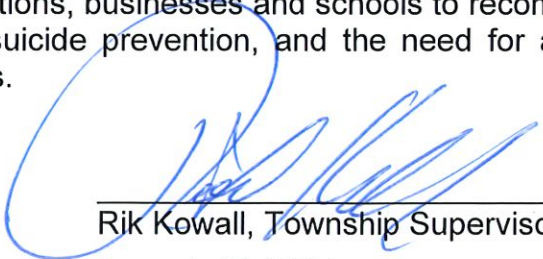
WHEREAS, In May 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, ED visits for suspected suicide attempts began to increase among adolescents aged 12-17 years, especially girls; and

WHEREAS, Organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 800-273-TALK (8255) work to help individuals in crisis and provide resources to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic; and

WHEREAS; Every year thousands of individuals die by suicide, leaving behind friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. Often feelings of shame and stigma prevent them from talking openly; and

WHEREAS; Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is committed to being a Zero Suicide organization and cultivate a network of providers who are engaged in the Zero Suicide philosophy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, White Lake Township hereby recognizes September 2021, as National Suicide Prevention Month. White Lake calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide prevention, and the need for appropriate and accessible services to assist individuals in crisis.



Rik Kowall, Township Supervisor

August, 17, 2021

OCHN Board of Directors Resolution to Protect and Promote Publicly Funded Public Mental Health Services for People

- WHEREAS, the Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) is the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) and Community Mental Health Service Provider (CMHSP) contracted by the Michigan Department of Mental Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to provide accessible, effective, and quality public behavioral health and substance use services to more than 23,000 Oakland County residents; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN is the epicenter for access to and distribution of quality public mental health services in Oakland County that provide quality, community-based behavioral services; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN serves and supports people who receive public mental health services that have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health challenge, or substance use disorder; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life and ensure their engagement in full community participation; and
- WHEREAS, through OCHN's robust and diverse network of more than 188 contracted providers who deliver services on its behalf, life-enhancing supports are made available to individuals and families utilizing a person-centered planning process; and
- WHEREAS, recent legislation to privatize the behavioral health system as introduced, threatens to disrupt the community-based behavioral health system, established pursuant to the Michigan Mental Health Code and the Community Mental Health Act as a community safety-net for society's most vulnerable citizens; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN has established access to an array of supports and Service programs that promote community inclusion and engagement and are exclusive to the public behavioral health system, including integrated physical health and mental health care, education, employment, housing, and justice diversion supports, Recipient Rights protection; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN is responsible for ensuring all Oakland County residents have access to crisis and non-emergent supports when and wherever they are needed; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN successfully integrates physical and mental health care for people with the assistance of data sharing platforms and coordination services; and
- WHEREAS, OCHN has established longstanding community partnerships across Oakland County and the school system that is community and person-centered and geared toward providing services and supports that are culturally relevant to persons we serve; and

WHEREAS, average administrative costs for public mental health entities like OCHN are 6% statewide; 94% of funding allocated to service delivery for people; and

WHEREAS, public mental health entities like OCHN are risk managers and responsible for maintaining the integrity of the community safety net for vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, PIHPs and CMHSP's are subject to Michigan's Open Meetings Act and governed by a county or regional appointed Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, OCHN's service delivery system reflects the input and opinions of the people it serves as captured through annual needs assessments and the Person and Family-Centered Process; and

WHEREAS, OCHN has several programs dedicated to service integration within its network, with the implementation of:

1. Two Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)
2. Seven Behavioral Health Homes (SHH)
3. MiCAL integration with MDHHS as OCHN is a pilot region
4. Police Co-Response Programs and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
5. Complex Care Coordination Programs; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is currently certified by the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA), a widely recognized, evidence-based program dedicated to quality improvement and measurement across the healthcare industry, further demonstrating OCHN's ability and commitment to maintaining quality integrated comprehensive care as a public agency; and

WHEREAS, OCHN is a tried-and-true community partner that stands ready to serve the needs of its community, committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Oakland Community Health Network Board of Directors hereby calls upon our citizens, elected officials, policymakers, and community partners to protect and promote Michigan's public mental health system. By advocating to enhance service delivery for people while also ensuring maintaining the integrity and that the oversight of public funding remains under the oversight of a public mental health system.

Board Chair Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-20, 2021

Board Vice Chair Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-20-2021

Board Secretary Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-20-2021