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County Commissioners,

Over the past two fiscal years, the General Assembly has reduced State funding for mental health (MH), substance use disorder (SU), and intellectual/developmental disability services (I/DD) by \$263.7 million and required those reductions to be filled using LME/MCO one time savings.

LME/MCOs are subject to the requirements of the Local Government Commission in the Office of the State Treasurer. Among those requirements is that they must maintain at least thirty days which is 8% of cash on hand. This is just prudent business. For the seven LME/MCO's thirty days of cash is \$240.7 million dollars.

Trillium will have spent nearly \$40 million dollars of its own savings replacing state service funding reductions mandated by the General Assembly by June 30, 2017.

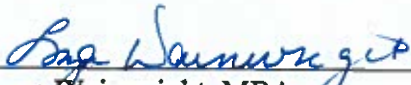
This has a direct impact on how Trillium Health Resources is managing its reinvestment funds and services for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Our unrestricted savings just this fiscal year will be reduced from \$18 million to an estimated \$3 million at year end. If reductions continue, Trillium will be forced to reduce state funded services and curtail reinvestment projects. State service reductions may have to include:

- Reducing State-funded group homes and other residential services for adults with mental illness and I/DD
- Reducing State-funded day programming for adults with I/DD
- Limiting most non-Medicaid consumers to outpatient therapy services only, instead of more effective evidence-based practices.
- Reinvestment projects curtailed may have to include:
 1. Replication of the Healing Transitions model for long-term substance use disorder recovery
 2. Expansion of inclusive day programs for children and adults with disabilities
 3. Expansion of crisis services

Finally, if any further reductions must be made, the formula mandated by the General Assembly on how those reductions are allocated among the LME/MCOs must be changed. The current formula, which tags the reduction to cash balances as of June 30, 2015, is very unfair to Trillium.

- At June 30, 2015, the Trillium cash balance was 15.11% of the statewide total, so we received 15.11% of the \$110.8 million reduction for SFY 2015-2016.
- At June 30, 2016, the Trillium cash balance was only 13.13% of the statewide total, but since the formula was not adjusted by the General Assembly, we still received 15.11% of the \$152.8 million reduction. This resulted in an additional reduction of \$3 million to Trillium.
- As of October 31, 2016, Trillium's cash balance was down to 11.61% of the statewide total, meaning our share of the 2016-2017 reduction is actually \$5.3 million more this year than our "fair share."

We are respectfully requesting that you consider adopting this resolution to express your support for providing Trillium with adequate funding to continue serving those with disabilities throughout our 24 counties.



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