

RESOLUTION NO. 3-0210

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN MEMBERS,

WHEREAS, Dodge County currently owns and operates a facility known as Clearview Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation (“Clearview”), which, among other things, is a skilled nursing facility and facility for the developmentally disabled; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County currently authorizes placement of Iowa County residents in Clearview for purposes of receiving services under a protective placement order, guardianship and/or private placement; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa County anticipates a need to place Iowa County residents in Clearview for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, Dodge County currently provides funding necessary to operate Clearview at a rate that exceeds the Medicaid reimbursement rate, thus creating a situation where Dodge County is contributing Dodge County tax levy funds for the care of Iowa County (and other county) residents; and,

WHEREAS, Dodge County has expressed concerns regarding the continued financial viability of Clearview given Dodge County’s increasing tax levy commitment to Clearview’s operations; and,

WHEREAS, it is in Iowa County’s best interests to ensure the continued financial viability of Clearview as an appropriate placement alternative given the high costs associated with a potential placement at other facilities including the state centers; and,

WHEREAS, Dodge County and other counties have studied the possibility of creating an intergovernmental commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0301(3) to be known as Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"); and,

WHEREAS, the creation of the Commission would allow Clearview to continue its operations with funding provided from all of the counties that are members of the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the legal authority and goals of the Commission are set forth in a draft Intergovernmental Charter-Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract, Dodge County shall contract with the Commission for the purposes of (1) leasing a portion of Clearview to the Commission and, (2) providing for the administration, maintenance and operation of the leased portion of Clearview; and,

WHEREAS, the goals of the Commission as set forth in the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract are in accordance with the philosophy and public policy objectives of Iowa County; and,

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §66.0301 and the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract require each participating county to execute the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract before the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract is effective and binding; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Resolution to authorize Iowa County to create and become a member of the Commission and authorize a board supervisor

(or County Executive) appointed in accordance with Iowa County rules and procedures to finalize and execute an Intergovernmental Charter-Contract that is substantially similar to the draft Intergovernmental Charter-Contract attached hereto;

SO, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Iowa County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the draft Intergovernmental Charter-Contract, a copy of which is attached hereto, and authorizes and directs the Iowa County Clerk to sign such document after receipt of preliminary approval from the other participating counties, approval from the board supervisor (or County Executive) appointed as the Iowa County representative on the Commission and approval of the Iowa County Corporation Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chair of the Iowa County Board of Supervisors (or County Executive) is hereby directed to appoint a board supervisor (or County Executive) to act as Iowa County's representative on the Commission and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That once the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract has been executed, Iowa County is authorized to expend funds related to the placement of persons in Clearview and otherwise comply with the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Charter-Contract; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:

That the initial membership fee of \$5,000 shall be paid to the Commission from Iowa County Department of Social Services and the Iowa County Treasurer/Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to make such payment.

All of which is respectfully submitted this 6th day of January, 2010.

IOWA COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE