

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 27 (2014/15)

Re: **Approving Contribution to Aurora's Proposed Behavioral Health Wellness Center**

WHEREAS, in March of 2014, the Health and Human Services Department participated in a "Community Conversation" on mental health at Blue Harbor Convention Center in which over 300 stakeholders in Sheboygan County gathered to identify and address the mental health needs of Sheboygan County's citizens, and

WHEREAS, a key take-away from the gathering is that Sheboygan County needs improved access to behavioral health care, and

WHEREAS, one participant, Aurora, has announced its initiative to create a neighborhood-based behavioral health wellness center to address this need, provided it is able to secure additional community support for this effort, and

WHEREAS, another participant, ACUITY Insurance, has offered to match up to \$125,000 in supporting start-up funding by year end, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department has primary responsibility pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 51.42(1)(b) to support the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcohol- and drug-dependent citizens residing in Sheboygan County which is the population which would most benefit from the proposed center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sheboygan County agrees to support the proposed Aurora wellness center and commits to provide \$25,000 to the effort contingent upon the project being undertaken, and to be earmarked for providing services to the indigent population that would otherwise be charged to the County; said sums to be transferred as determined by the Finance Department and the Health and Human Services Department from the Health and Human Services Department budget for these services.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of December, 2014.

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Opposed to Introduction:
