

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years					
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT					
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No

Budget Account No:

Fund Agency Organization Object

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Robert Rawna 9/5/19
 OFMB 2009/5 resp 9/5

Dee J. Juvola 9/6/19
 Contract Dev. & Control
 9/6/19 m

B. Legal Sufficiency

Anne Delgent 9-6-19
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

 Department Director

Resolution No. 2019-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WILL ENHANCE AND EXPAND COVERAGE UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ACT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 5 adults experience a mental health disorder, and 1 in 13 people over age 12 experience a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, given the Palm Beach County (Florida) 2018 population of 1,485,941, it means that a significant number of people with mental illness and substance abuse disorders live in the county, and furthermore, that the average annual population growth rate will add additional people struggling with these disorders to our community; and

WHEREAS, effective treatments exist for most of these conditions; and

WHEREAS, some who do suffer point to unaffordable costs as a key reason for not starting or continuing mental health or substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, the kind of health plan, even its size, determines if it is covered by federal parity law, so therefore care may still be either very limited or unavailable; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the landmark Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, with overwhelming bipartisan support to end discrimination in mental health and substance use disorder insurance coverage, and President George W. Bush signed it into law on October 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, despite the 2008 law, lack of mental health parity continues to limit insurance-covered access to care, which causes personal suffering and other handicaps, economic and legal burdens, and a loss of productivity for those persons so affected, as well as our entire community; and

WHEREAS, despite the 2008 parity law, The Milliman Report released in 2017 on mental health found that behavioral healthcare providers in 2015 were still paid on average 20% less than primary care providers which lead to out-of-network providers providing 32% of behavioral outpatient care reflecting the reduced insurance covered access to mental health care, which therefore caused an additional cost burden to the patients; and

WHEREAS, currently in the 2019 US Congress several bills (HR 3165 and 2874, and S 1737 and 1576) have been filed to enforce and expand the Federal 2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; and

WHEREAS, www.paritytrack.org/anniversary reports that in 2018, 30 of the 50 states in our country rank higher than Florida in terms of parity coverage; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County (Florida) wants all persons living in the county to live and function to their fullest ability for a satisfying and productive life, and that greater access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment will help do so.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, recognizing the Mental Health and Parity Addiction Equity Act of 2008, and recognizing the need for access to treatment for mental illness and substance abuse, knowing it will further and improve the quality of life for all, urge federal and state legislators to pass laws which require full mental health parity and urge insurance providers to comply with such laws.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

MACK BERNARD, Mayor	-
DAVID KERNER, Vice Mayor	-
COMMISSIONER HAL R. VALECHE	-
COMMISSIONER GREGG K. WEISS	-
COMMISSIONER ROBERT S. WEINROTH	-
COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER	-
COMMISSIONER MELISSA MCKINLAY	-

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

BY: _____

Anne Helfant
Assistant County Attorney

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk