

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION BY LAKE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
AFFIRMATIVELY OPTING OUT OF PROVIDING ASSISTED OUTPATIENT
TREATMENT (AOT), ALSO KNOWN AS LAURA’S LAW**

RECITALS

- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Board of Supervisors set “*Community and Family Health*” as a priority; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of California enacted Assembly Bill 1976 (Chapter 140, Statutes of 2020), which requires counties to affirmatively opt-out of providing Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), also known as Laura’s Law, by passing a resolution of the local governing body stating the reasons for opting out and any facts or circumstances relied on in making that decision; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Health Care Services, pursuant to Behavioral Health Information Notice 20-075, requires counties to submit a resolution to the Department sixty days prior to the statewide implementation of AB 1976 on July 1, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County Behavioral Health Services provides a broad range of mental health services including a Full Service Partnership program housing assistance. AOT would be redundant and add no new services; and
- WHEREAS,** most individuals involved in AOT programs are voluntary; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no enforcement mechanism for AOT compliance outside of existing laws (LPS, 5150); and
- WHEREAS,** counties that implement Laura’s Law may not reduce existing voluntary mental health programs serving adults or children’s mental health programs as a result of implementation; and
- WHEREAS,** no funding is appropriated by the State of California for providing AOT services; and
- WHEREAS,** voluntary adult mental health services and children’s mental health services would be reduced if Lake County implemented Laura’s Law, and
- WHEREAS,** the decision of the Board of Supervisors of Lake County to opt-out of AOT (Laura’s Law) will not result in a reduction to any such voluntary treatment programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors hereby opts out of AB1976 Assisted Outpatient Treatment to ensure voluntary mental health treatment services will not be reduced.

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THIS RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof on the _____ day of _____ 2020⁴, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____
Deputy

Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY COUNSEL



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