



*Resolution
of the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Louis County, Minnesota*

Adopted on: February 28, 2006

Resolution No. 143

Offered by Commissioner: Fink

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of St. Louis County, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as cost effective as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost of St. Louis County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation (M.S. 6.79) which allows local governments to file resolutions with the State Auditor which either object to particular state mandates or make recommendations for reforming particular state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments in achieving those reforms;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has been involved in the systematic shifting of costs to County property taxpayers for obligations which are rightly the responsibility of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the State Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for repeal;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners requests that the State Auditor take any measures available to aid the repeal of these mandates.

Commissioner Fink moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas - Commissioners Fink, O'Neil, Kron, Forsman, Raukar, and Chair Nelson - 6

Nays - None

Out of Room - Commissioner Sweeney - 1

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of County Auditor, ss.
County of St. Louis

I, **DONALD DICKLICH**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 28th day of February, A.D. 2006, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 28th day of February, A.D., 2006

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of County Board

Detoxification – MS 254A.08

Detoxification is 100% county dollars. Eliminate or fund this responsibility.

254A.08 Detoxification centers.

Subdivision 1. **Detoxification services.** Every county board shall provide detoxification services for drug dependent persons. The board may utilize existing treatment programs and other agencies to meet this responsibility.

Subd. 2. **Program requirements.** For the purpose of this section, a detoxification program means a social rehabilitation program established for the purpose of facilitating access into care and treatment by detoxifying and evaluating the person and providing entrance into a comprehensive program. Evaluation of the person shall include verification by a professional, after preliminary examination, that the person is intoxicated or has symptoms of chemical dependency and appears to be in imminent danger of harming self or others. A detoxification program shall have available the services of a licensed physician for medical emergencies and routine medical surveillance. A detoxification program licensed by the Department of Human Services to serve both adults and minors at the same site must provide for separate sleeping areas for adults and minors.

MinnesotaCare – Minnesota Laws 2005, Regular Session, Chapter 155, Article 3
Minnesota Laws 2005, 1st Special Session, Chapter 4 Article 8

Effective September 1, 2006 counties are required to process applications and provide case management for former GAMC cases that transfer to MinnesotaCare. This legislation provides only one time funding to train staff. There is no on going funding.

On December 3, 1998 the Chair of the St. Louis County Board sent a letter to the Department of Human Services indicating that the Board would not interested in assuming new responsibilities in MinnesotaCare without concomitant reimbursement. (copy of letter attached)