

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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| RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF PARTICIPATING |) | RESOLUTION NO. 21-048 |
| IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1976: |) | |
| MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: |) | |
| ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT) |) | |

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, Amador County Behavioral Health provides a broad range of mental health services including a Full Service Partnership program, Behavioral Health Housing support and Outreach and Engagement programs funded with Mental Health Services Act funding. AOT would be redundant to some of these 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 Amador County implemented Laura’s Law, and

WHEREAS, The decision of the Board of Supervisors of Amador County to opt-out of AOT (Laura’s Law) will not result in a reduction to any such voluntary treatment programs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Amador County Board of Supervisors hereby opt-out of AB1976 Assisted Outpatient Treatment to ensure voluntary mental health treatment services not be reduced.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 13th day of April, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Frank U. Axe, Richard M. Forster, Jeff Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Frank U. Axe, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County, California



Deputy