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**Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Approves \$100,000 to
Planned Parenthood to Continue Title X Family Planning Program
Services in the County**

Funding will temporarily support comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services

ANN ARBOR, MI – The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners voted to allocate a one-time amount of \$100,000 to Planned Parenthood of Michigan to continue providing family planning and reproductive health services for six months. The Washtenaw County Department of Public Health will pick up the provision of Title X services within six months following a federal rule change which prohibits Planned Parenthood from accepting the federal funds.

“Comprehensive family planning and sexual health are critical to our residents and value the important services provided by Planned Parenthood”, said Board of Commissioners Chair Jason Morgan. “Following this egregious new rule by the Trump Administration, we are committed to ensuring our residents have access to care by directly providing these services through our Public Health Department and committing funds to Planned Parenthood to cover the next six months while we get county services up and running.”

The Title X Family Planning Program was enacted under President Richard Nixon in 1970 and is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventative health services. Recent federal rule changes now prohibit Planned Parenthood from receiving Title X funding because the organization discusses and provides abortion services with patients. (NOTE: No Title X funds pay for abortion services.)

Planned Parenthood of Michigan has been the only Title X provider in Washtenaw County for many years, serving nearly 10,000 patients in two health centers with \$508,820 of Federal funding. It is designed to subsidize the care for those who are not covered by Medicaid or private insurance and cannot afford the expenses out of pocket.

Title X programming covers routine preventive and diagnostic exams, Pap tests, breast cancer screening, pregnancy testing and pregnancy options education, sexuality education, prescribing/dispensing for all FDA approved birth control methods, STI screening and treatment for women and men, HIV point-of-service rapid testing for women and men and the HPV vaccine.

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