

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a Request for Proposal for local units of government to apply for an eight month grant of up to \$295,000 to support the implementation and evaluation of programs/initiatives with the aim of preventing delinquency and treating youth with Mental Health/Substance Abuse issues in the proper venue, with the proper interventions; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity is intended to support programs/initiatives that will provide early intervention strategies for youth with mental health/substance abuse issues to get them needed assistance from the appropriate mental health/substance abuse disorder provider, in order to appropriately address these issues before those youth are referred to the Juvenile Justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Trial Court/Family Division is requesting authorization to submit an application to implement programs/initiatives that would involve a community collaboration with law enforcement agencies, community service providers and the Court to target strategies to provide early identification and intervention for those youth with mental health/substance abuse issues; and

WHEREAS, the target population for this program would be any youth between ages 0 to 18 with mental health or substance abuse issues; and

WHEREAS, the grant is effective from February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, and there is no cash match required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Trial Court - Family Division to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for funding in the approximate amount of \$75,000 under the Juvenile Justice Mental Health-Related Delinquency Prevention – 2022 grant.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**



Jim Curran, Chairperson

Don Meeks, Vice Chairperson



David Vollrath



Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator 	Date 1-4-22
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel 	Date 1/5/22
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