

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) serves adolescents in a variety of programs throughout the department focused on providing sexual health education, parenting support, and empowering healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is offering a grant opportunity to provide teen pregnancy prevention education to high risk teens to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV; and

WHEREAS, the teen birth rate in Benton Harbor is 42.8 births per 1,000 females ages 10-19 years of age, which is much higher than other at-risk cities in the state of Michigan; and


WHEREAS, BCHD wishes to apply for this grant opportunity through MDHHS for a total of \$100,000, with a 25% matching contribution, to support teen pregnancy prevention education during the grant period of October 1, 2019 through September 30th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these funds would be used to support staffing costs, evidence-based curriculum implementation with teens in Benton Harbor to reduce rates of teen pregnancy and STI/HIV; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this grant application submission pending approval of its Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED, that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes BCHD to submit this grant application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.


Resolution endorsed by the
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Margaret Kohring, Chair

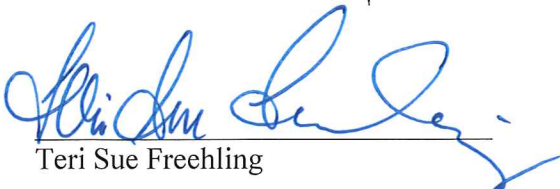
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



William V. Chickering, Chairman

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman



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