

**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) works to decrease infant and maternal mortality through partnership many other community organizations and individuals through the Raising Up Healthy Babies Taskforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), through funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, desires to partner with BCHD and its partners through the Achieving Birth Equity through Systems Transformation (ABEST) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the ABEST Program goal is to address the root causes of racial inequities in maternal and infant mortality by developing systems change strategies that shift relationships, power, mental models and narratives that will drive sustained change; and

**WHEREAS**, BCHD wishes to accept this partnership with MPHI and participation in the ABEST Program as it aligns with community and department priority areas and ongoing work to eliminate disparities in health outcomes and quality of life for residents of Berrien County; and

**WHEREAS**, this partnership includes funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 that can be used to support staffing costs, community trainings and meetings, and community-based interventions aimed at eliminating inequities in infant and maternal mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health endorses this grant acceptance pending approval of its Corporate Counsel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED**, that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes BCHD to accept the grant from the Michigan Public Health Institute.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorize and direct BCHD's Health Officer/Director to electronically sign or execute Agreement for FY 2020, as prescribed by the MPHI.


Resolution endorsed by the  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



  
Margaret Kohring, Chair

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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William J. Chickering, Chairman

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Teri Sue Freehling

  
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David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator 	Date <u>10/3/19</u>
Committee Approval	
Corporate Counsel 	Date <u>10.3.19</u>