

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) has awarded a grant to the department for the provision of teen sexual health education to high risk teens for the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases including HIV (application approved under Resolution P1906252); 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 accept this grant from the MDHHS for a total of \$100,000, with a 25% matching contribution, to support teen sexual health and 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 STD/HIV; 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 Department of Health and Human Services.

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 MDHHS.


Resolution endorsed by the
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Margaret Koring, Chair

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

William J. Chickering, Chairman

Teri Sue Freehling


David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u>W</u>	Date <u>10/2/19</u>
Corporate Counsel <u>W</u>	Date <u>10.3.19</u>
Comments Attached _____	