

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division in partnership with the Berrien Mental Health Authority (i.e. Riverwood Center) continues its effort to expand the continuum of care designed to fully address the needs of juveniles and their families being served by the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Court/Community Liaison position is a nationally recognized model designed to screen and assess all youth entering the juvenile justice system for serious mental health/substance abuse issues and to improve triage, access and linkage to juveniles and their families in need of community-based specialty mental health/substance abuse services and cost-effective alternatives to out-of-home placements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trial Court-Family Division wants to continue allocating resources to best meet the needs of families in the most effective and comprehensive manner; and

**WHEREAS**, a Professional Services Agreement, has been mutually developed between the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division and Riverwood Center to continue a coordinated and co-funded part-time licensed Family Court/Community Liaison position for behavioral health screening, assessment and linkage at \$56.37/hour, not to exceed 975 hours for the calendar year; and


**WHEREAS**, County Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Professional Services Agreement.

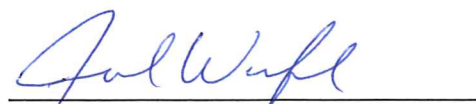
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the Professional Services Agreement with Riverwood Center that provides for the co-funded part-time licensed Family Court/Community Liaison position for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

  
Jim Curran, Chair

  
David Vollrath, Vice Chair

  
Don Meeks

  
Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator 	Date 3-2-22
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel TH	Date 3/2/22
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