

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 is committed to providing cost effective professional development to enhance the skill set and knowledge of staff who work with youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the University of Cincinnati Research Institute has developed and implemented a model called EPICS (Effective Practices in Community Supervision) to teach probation officers and similar staff how to apply the principles of effective intervention (and core correctional practices specifically, including relationship skills) to community supervision practices; and

WHEREAS, the Trial Court-Family Division has negotiated a service contract with the provider to implement said training for the total cost of \$15,500 to train up to 15 staff; A flat rate costs are inclusive of staff salaries/benefits, travel accommodations/expenses, training material production/shipment, and administrative overhead; and

WHEREAS, a PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, has been mutually developed between the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division and the University of Cincinnati Research Institute to implement the EPICS model; and

WHEREAS, County Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Trial Court Family Division Administrator to execute the agreement with the University of Cincinnati Research Institute to provide the EPICS Module training.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Jim Curran, Chairperson

Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chair Person

Chris Heugel

Don Meeks

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