

January 26, 2023

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 Family Empowerment Services, LLC ( i.e. FES) continues their effort to expand the continuum of care designed to fully address the needs of juveniles and their families at risk of coming to the attention of and/or are being served by the Family Division; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this agreement to define the roles and responsibilities of both parties relative to the development and implementation of a model to address the behavioral health needs for youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who are at risk of entering the juvenile court system by utilizing the Juvenile Pre-Arrest Diversion Program as implemented by FES. FES agrees to provide Juvenile Pre-Arrest Diversion Program to juveniles referred by law enforcement agencies, Berrien County Trial Court -Family Division, Berrien County schools, Berrien County Trial Court-Prosecuting Attorney Office. The agreement also covers supplemental services related to competency restoration and domestic violence intervention; and

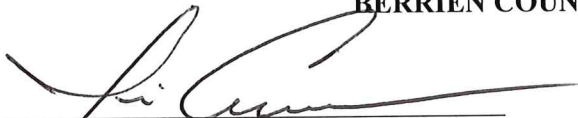
WHEREAS, the Trial Court-Family Division is committed to allocating resources up to \$69,999.00 (subject to 50% reimbursement from the Child Care Fund) to serve up to 100 youth per year to best meet the needs of families in the most effective and comprehensive manner; and


WHEREAS, an agreement has been mutually developed between the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division and the Family Empowerment Services, LLC ( i.e. FES) to implement the Juvenile Pre-Arrest Diversion Program and supplemental services related to domestic violence intervention and competency restoration, and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the agreement with Family Empowerment Services, LLC ( i.e. FES) for providing the Juvenile Pre-Arrest Diversion Program and supplemental services related to domestic violence intervention and competency restoration, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and authorizes the Chairman and Clerk to execute said agreement.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

  
Jim Curran, Chairperson

  
David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson

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Julie Wuerfel

  
Alex R. Ott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Administration \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk \_\_\_\_\_