

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN, Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Health and SAMSHA have documented how the COVID-19 pandemic has noticeably negatively impacted youth's mental and emotional health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division has seen a sustained increase in the number of delinquent youth with significant mental health, substance abuse and behavioral health issues coming before the Court and being lodged at the Berrien County Juvenile Center; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these youth present with complex mental health and substance abuse needs related to assessment, diagnosis, treatment and medication management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trial Court-Family Division seeks to enhance our capacity to address these challenges by replacing Case Managers with licensed qualified mental health clinicians on staff; and

**WHEREAS**, this complement change could be accomplished without additional salary cost due to the two positions being the same salary grade; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the following complement change effective with the date of this resolution:

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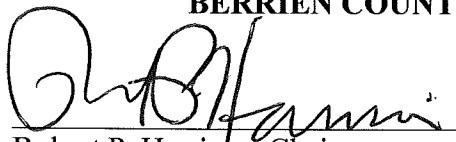
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Non-Union, Grade 10

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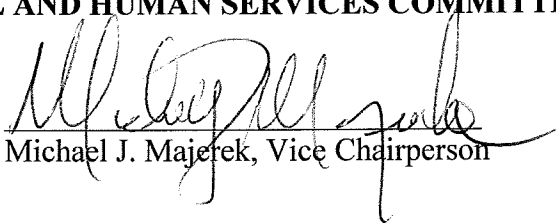
Trial Court Therapist  
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**Respectfully submitted,**

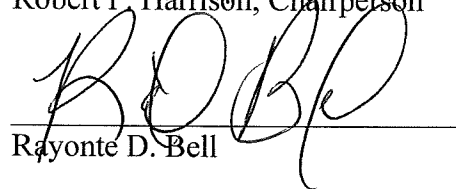
**BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**



Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson



Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chairperson



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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____	Date _____
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Corporate Counsel <u>TN</u>	Date <u>4/29/22</u>
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