

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 was authorized by this body to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for a Title IV-E Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant that will allow the Department to pass through Title IV-E administrative dollars to support high quality child and parent legal representation in child protective proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County has been awarded \$133,000 for the FY 19 and FY 20 grant years effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 in funding for projects related to quality legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the grant does not require a cash match and is a reimbursement structured grant to cover invoices for expenses related to the grant; and

WHEREAS, the funding provides monies to support high quality child and legal representation in child protective proceedings, including training, ancillary legal services, provision of a social worker to parents' attorneys and planning/implementation of a Parent Partner program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berrien County Trial Court is authorized to accept the award from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to implement projects related to quality legal representation, and the Chair of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners is authorized and directed to sign the FY19/FY20 Grant Agreement contract between the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the County.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chair

Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chair

Don Meeks

Chris Heugel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator <u>M</u>	Date <u>2/21/20</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Council <u>J</u>	Date <u>2.27.20</u>
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