

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Region is the Michigan Department of Community Health-designated community mental health entity to assume the responsibilities of providing substance abuse disorder services for the region which also includes Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties; and

WHEREAS, all members must execute an intergovernmental agreement for participation in this regional entity and as a part of its Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorized the intergovernmental agreement with the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Regional Entity via resolution P1309192 on September 26, 2013 and renewed the agreement via resolution P1706216 on June 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, that contract is nearing the end of its three-year term and will expire at the end of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County wishes to continue to be a part of this contract; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and Corporate Counsel have reviewed and approved the new intergovernmental agreement and find that the agreement with the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Regional Entity is acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves this intergovernmental agreement for the Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Regional Entity and authorizes the Chairperson to execute the agreement for another (3) three-year term, ending December 31, 2023.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

William J. Chickering, Chairperson

David Vollrath, Vice-Chair

Teri Sue Freehling

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator _____	Date _____
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel <i>D/A</i>	Date <u>9/22/20</u>
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