

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 Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) works to decrease infant and maternal mortality through partnership with many other community organizations and individuals through the Raising Up Healthy Babies Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), through funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, has partnered with BCHD and its partners through the Achieving Birth Equity through Systems Transformation (ABEST) Program; and

WHEREAS, the ABEST Program goal is to address the root causes of racial inequities in maternal and infant mortality by developing systems change strategies that shift relationships, power, mental models and narratives that will drive sustained change; and

WHEREAS, this partnership with MPHI and participation in the ABEST Program directly aligns with department mission and strategic plan to eliminate disparities in health outcomes and quality of life for residents of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, MPHI wishes to amend the original contract (approved under P1910311) to extend the partnership and project timeline. This amendment extends the end date of the contract period from October 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021. This amendment does not alter any other aspect of the partnership between BCHD and the ABEST project, and does not impact any funding previously designated for this work; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this contract amendment pending approval of its Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves this contract amendment from the Michigan Public Health Institute and authorizes the BCHD's Health Officer or designee to electronically execute the agreement amendment for FY2020-2021.

Resolution endorsed by the
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Margaret Kohring, Chair

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

William J. Chickering, Chairman

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairman

Teri Sue Freehling

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative	Date 10-9-20
Committee Approved	
Corporate Counsel	Date 10-7-20
Corporate Approved	