

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Social Security Act Title IV-D Child Support program requires case establishment services and enforcement functions to be performed; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney (PA) and Friend of the Court Office (FOC) have performed the statutorily separate establishment and enforcement responsibilities respectively; and

WHEREAS, separate IV-D grant funding contracts for the PA and FOC have been in place reimbursing Berrien County up to 66% of all expenses related to child support activities ; and

WHEREAS, 2014 PA 369 amended §4 of the Family Support Act,, MCL 552.454 by allowing for consolidation of the IV-D child support establishment and enforcement functions into one entity; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the elected PA, the Director of the FOC and the Chief Judge of the Berrien County Trial Court to consolidate the establishment and enforcement functions into the FOC; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council-Civilian Unit has agreed to release the two Caseworker/Legal Secretary positions thereby facilitating transfer of the PA child support establishment bargaining unit employees to non-union positions in the FOC along with two Non-Union positions where the transferred employees will continue to perform like duties and functions as follows::

<u>Current:</u> 2 FTE Caseworkers/Legal Secretary Grade 5, FOPLC Union	<u>New:</u> 2 FTE Administrative Secretary Grade 5, Non-Union
1 FTE Special Investigator Grade 8, Non-Union	No change
1 FTE Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Grade 14, Non-Union	No Change

WHEREAS, the consolidation process administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Support (MDHHS-OCS) requires submission of a IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Change Form seeking MDHHS-OCS's agreement to


1. Transfer services currently performed by the Berrien County PA under the PA Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for child support services to the Berrien County FOC under the terms of a combined agreement (COM) for child support services the intent to combine the PA and FOC grant funding contracts and transfer the child support establishment functions to the FOC office; and
2. Terminate the current FOC and PA agreements.

WHEREAS, the IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Change Form requires the signatures of the elected PA, the Chief Judge of the Berrien County Trial Court and the Chairperson of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Change Form and associated information and statutes have been reviewed by Berrien County Corporate Counsel who has approved the IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Change Form as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the consolidation of the PA child support establishment function into the FOC, including the transfer of the current PA employees to the FOC, and authorizes the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners to sign the IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Change Form on behalf of Berrien County.


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE



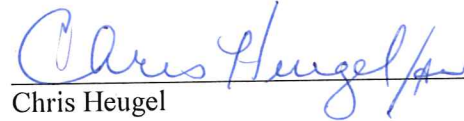
Jim Curran, Chairperson




Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chairperson



Don Meeks



Chris Heugel

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Administration _____ Date _____
Commissioner Attached _____
Corporate Counsel  Date 11-3-2020
Corporate Attached _____