

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) responded to a request for proposals from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to work with community-based organizations to increase COVID-19 vaccine administration among vulnerable and/or underserved populations (Funding approved under P2105233); and

WHEREAS, the funds have been awarded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund and will be passed through Michigan Association for Local Boards of Health (MALPH) to (BCHD) to mobilize volunteers and community leaders who can influence their communities using accurate information and tailored messages to both encourage more people to be vaccinated and to inform them of BCHD's vaccine clinics operations to ensure maximum trust and convenience; and

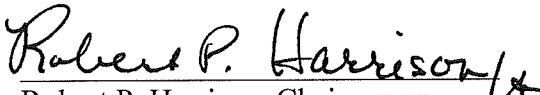
WHEREAS, to achieve the work noted above and align with grant funding requirements to work with a local community partner, BCHD wishes to contract with the United Way of Southwest Michigan (UWSM) for the period of June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the grant agreement with MALPH requires at least 80% of funds awarded be spent by a local community organization in meeting project deliverables and goals; thus BCHD will contract forty thousand (\$40,000) of grant funding to the UWSM; funding that the UWSM will then use to plan and support intensive community outreach and neighborhood canvassing to create opportunities for individuals to access vaccine information paired with conveniently located BCHD clinics targeting those communities; and

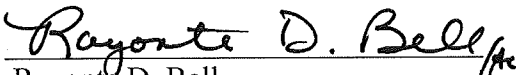
WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this resolution, pending approval of Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves of the Health Department entering into this agreement with the United Way of Southwest Michigan for COVID-19 vaccine outreach.

**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
Documents Attached	
Corporate Counsel	Date
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