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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator

Date: August 9, 2021

Re: Resolution Authorizing the Livingston County Juvenile Court to Apply for and Enter into a Contract with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice Fiscal Year 2022 Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Data Collection Grant Program

The attached resolution authorizes the Livingston County Juvenile Court to apply for and enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice for a Year Three no cost extension of the Racial Ethnic Disparities (RED) Data Collection Grant program. This grant provides funds to support a comprehensive, integrated data collection system for juvenile probation.

The COVID-19 pandemic considerably hampered the Court's ability to complete grant program objectives within the two-year timeline. Obstacles including resource (laptop) scarcity; learning how to work, train and collaborate remotely; reduced caseload resulting in limited data; and an inability to bring an intern on-site all led to interruptions in the achievement of project goals. However, despite these challenges significant progress has been achieved:

COMPLETED

Objective 1: Design and implement an electronic client tracking system that enables centralized, accessible and meaningful data collection.

Objective 2: Implement the Youth Level of Service (YLS), continue use of the Child and Adolescent Functioning Assessment Scale (CAFAS), objective decision-making tools to determine youth supervision and service needs, and record results in the electronic client tracking system.

IN PROCESS

Objective 3: Meaningful analysis of formal and informal juvenile justice youth data including descriptive data in the areas of demographics, risks, needs, programs and services is accessible, reliable and comprehensive at the end of Year Two, including the initial identification of disparate treatment for subsets of youth. A system is developed which enables outcome evaluation for subsets of youth and programs over time.

A no cost extension for a third grant year will enable the Court to gather a sufficient amount of meaningful data for quality analysis to ascertain disparate service provision, outcomes or quality of programs for subsets of youth and to use that analysis to drive improvements. The no cost extension will enable the carry forward of \$46,518 for the period of October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. No County match or cost-sharing is required.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Livingston County Trial Courts.