

RESOLUTION

NO: 2022-09-141

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: September 12, 2022

Resolution to Accept Funding from Trinity Health, Ascension Providence, and Michigan Medicine to Support the Healthcare Transportation Collaborative Service – L.E.T.S.

- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Health Department’s 2015-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) identified healthcare integration and transportation as high-priority strategic issues for improving the health and well-being of Livingston County residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the CHIP process established a Healthcare Integration workgroup that includes representatives from the three major health systems, LETS, and the Health Department to develop options for collaboration between healthcare providers to improve access to healthcare services; and
- WHEREAS,** lack of transportation is one of the primary barriers to access and therefore a key objective of the workgroup is to develop a collaborative healthcare transportation service to improve access to healthcare and other wellness-related services; and
- WHEREAS,** a service plan was developed using LETS to provide door-to-door transportation available to the public for doctor appointments, pharmacy visits, emergency department discharges, and other activities that fulfill the mission of improving health and wellness; and
- WHEREAS,** to fund the service the healthcare systems of Ascension Providence, Michigan Medicine, and Trinity Health committed to annual funding contributions of \$106,000 combined for a period of 3 years to match Federal and State grant funds available to LETS; and
- WHEREAS,** the healthcare contributions leverage approximately \$600,000 in Federal and State operating grants each year, which enabled LETS to add four full-time drivers, establish two new medical routes, and increase capacity for on-demand emergency department discharges; and
- WHEREAS,** measurable indicators of success during the first 3 years include a 33% increase in passenger trips reported as “medical” and a significant increase in stops at each of the healthcare systems’ facilities, despite a steep decline in general transit ridership induced by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the healthcare systems have committed to funding the service for an additional three (3) years, with annual contributions from St. Joseph Mercy in the amount of \$61,216; Ascension Providence in the amount of \$33,000; and Michigan Medicine in the amount of \$33,000, for a total annual contribution of \$127,216; and
- WHEREAS,** the contributions will be paid annually for a period of three (3) years beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts annual funding contributions from St. Joseph Mercy Health System in the amount of \$61,216; Ascension Providence Health System in the amount \$33,000; and Michigan Medicine in the amount of \$33,000 for a three (3) year period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending on

September 30, 2025 for the purpose of matching Federal and State transportation grants to provide healthcare transportation services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair is authorized to sign any agreements and related documents upon review and approval by the LETS transit attorney, Mark T. Koerner of Foster, Swift, Collins, and Smith, PC.

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