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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator

Date: June 19, 2023

Re: Resolution Authorizing the Juvenile Court to Apply for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) Grant – FY2024

The attached resolution authorizes the Livingston County Juvenile Court to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) Grant Program for a fifth year. This grant provides federal funding to support high-quality legal representation in child protective proceedings where a child has been placed in foster care. Available funds are not to supplant existing funding for legal representation, but instead, are to enhance legal representation of children and parents in child protection proceedings. This will be accomplished through compensating court appointed child and parent attorneys to attend court-approved child welfare and trial practice training; represent families in ancillary legal matters that are causing barriers to permanency for children and enhancing fair compensation for attorneys by maintaining the attorney compensation scale as increased during the 2022 general fund budgeting process.

Grant funding is based on a formula of local expenditures for legal representation, the statewide Title IV-E penetration rate of 50% x 50%. The Livingston County Juvenile Court's allocation for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 is \$71,250 at a cost share of 75% general fund and 25% grant funds.

This is a reimbursement grant. This grant program does not require or request additional staff positions.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Juvenile Division of the Livingston County Circuit Court.