



Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Friend of the Court, Melissa A. Scharrer
Date: 6/06/2023
**Re: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2024
THROUGH FY 2028 COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT
AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES**

In 1975, through Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support, began the process to contract with States to provide for the establishment and collection, distribution and enforcement of child support. The Livingston County Friend of the Court (FOC) has been contracting with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for reimbursement of eligible child support expenses through the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement each fiscal year for the last several years. This Agreement provides for 66% reimbursement of eligible child support expenses, including personnel costs.

The current Contract Agreement with the MDHHS (10/01/2016 – 9/30/2021) was for five years and authorized by Resolution: 2016-06-102. This contract provided for an Option to Renew for up to two additional one-year periods. MDHHS chose to exercise this Option to Renew for two additional one-year periods being FY 2022 (10/01/21-9/30/22) and FY 2023 (10/01/22-9/30/23) and this extension was authorized by Resolution: 2021-06-097.

At this time, MDHHS is proposing a new five-year contract for FY 2024 – FY 2028. As with past contracts, MDHHS allocates an amount for each of the five years. Based upon the allocated amounts, a budget is prepared for each year. As this is a reimbursement contract, we submit for eligible expenses based upon our FOC approved budget authorized each year by the Board of Commissioners.

While the 66% reimbursement provides the largest source of revenue, additional revenue is received for the FOC including Federal and State incentive monies, service fees, statutory IV-D and non-IV-D monies, and others.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.