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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator

Date: July 23, 2024

Re: Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) Grant – FY2025

Pursuant to County Administrator approval as authorized in Resolution 2023-04-071 (Grant Policy) the Juvenile Court submitted an application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant in the amount of \$71,250.

This grant program provides federal funding to support high-quality legal representation in child protective proceedings where a child has been placed in foster care. Grant 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 is accomplished through paying court appointed child and parent attorneys to attend court-approved child welfare and trial practice continuing education, representing 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.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has awarded the full grant amount of \$71,250 for the period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. This is a reimbursement grant with a cost share of 75% general funds and 25% grant funds. This grant program does not require or request additional staff positions.

This resolution seeks authorization to accept the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Award in the amount of \$71,250 for the period of October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.