

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION 2012 – 57

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF CLAYTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE OF GEORGIA TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE TO LOW-RISK YOUTH RATHER THAN FORMAL JUVENILE JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND OTHERWISE TO PERFORM ALL OTHER ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE, ALL AS MAY BE REQUIRED; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Community Healthcare of Georgia (“CHOG”) provides conflict resolution workshops intended to stabilize living arrangements, promote reunification, and prevent the utilization of out-of-home placement of youth; and

WHEREAS, Clayton County Juvenile Court (“CCJC”) will refer low-risk youth to this alternative educational approach rather than formal juvenile justice involvement for low-level school offenses and rule infractions; and

WHEREAS, in a collaborative effort with CHOG to prevent low-risk youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system, to stabilize the living arrangement, promote reunification, and prevent the utilization of out-of-home placement of youth, CCJC wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CHOG to provide conflict resolution workshops to juveniles who are referred to CHOG by CCJC for prevention services; and

WHEREAS, if authorized to enter into this MOU, CCJC will arrange for adequate space to conduct the workshop and will assist with staffing in support of the workshop; and

WHEREAS, there are no costs associated with the participation of juveniles referred to CHOG that are not already included in CCJC's budget; and

WHEREAS, CHOG will provide the monthly workshop free-of-charge to the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the County, and the County will best be served by authorizing Juvenile Court to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding for the above stated purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Clayton County, on behalf of Clayton County Juvenile Court, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Healthcare of Georgia to provide conflict resolution workshops to juveniles referred to its agency at no costs to CCJC. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and to perform all other acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. Further, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Finance Director to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, all as may be required.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

**{SEE SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE.}**

SO RESOLVED, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

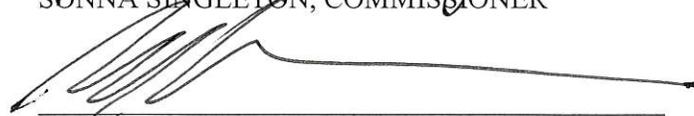
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