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THE LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M., IN CONFERENCE ROOM A, HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING AND VIRTUALLY AT <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/81848426836>.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [November 30, 2023](#) Minutes

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Circuit Court – Juvenile Division – Resolution to Authorize Contracts for Lawyer [Guardian Ad Litem](#) Representation
2. Health Department
 - a. Resolution to [Amend Resolution #23-087](#) with Michigan Public Health Institute for Administrative Support to Operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship ®
 - b. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute for [Administrative Support](#) to Operate Year Three of the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship ®
3. 9-1-1 Central Dispatch
 - a. Resolution to Authorize the Renewal of [ProQA Medical Software](#) Licenses and Support from Priority Dispatch for the Ingham County 9-1-1 Center
 - b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract Renewal of [Scheduling Software/Services](#) for the 9-1-1 Center

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE
November 30, 2023
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Polsdofer, Celentino, Trubac, Cahill, Lawrence, Pawar, Johnson (Left at 6:45 p.m.), and Schafer.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Feliz Rodriguez, Scott LeRoy, Paul Elam, Charles Richardson, Paige Swem (Virtual), Dr. Adenike Shoyinka (Virtual), Nick Hefty, Gregg Todd, Scott Hendrickson, Courtney Johnson and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Polsdofer at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan. Virtual Public participation was offered via Zoom at <https://ingham.zoom.us/j/81848426836>.

Approval of the November 16, 2023 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON POLSDOFER STATED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED.

Additions to the Agenda

7. Sheriff's Office
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Life Launch Institute, LLC for Parenting Program
 - b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with It Takes A Village, LLC for Restorative Justice Programming

Substitute

5. Controller's Office
 - b. Resolution Approving Various Contracts for the 2024 Budget Year

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

3. Circuit Court
 - b. Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Equivant to be in Compliance with MCL 712A.18t

4. Probate Court – Resolution to Approve Ingham County Probate Court Contract Renewal with Thomson Reuters Regarding Print Legal Books
5. Controller’s Office
 - a. Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2023 Ingham County Budget
 - b. Resolution Approving Various Contracts for the 2024 Budget Year
6. Board Referrals
 - a. Letter from the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Regarding the FY24 Child Care Fund Budget Approval
 - b. Letter from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Regarding the Final Approval of Standards 6 and 7 on Attorney Workload and Qualifications Pursuant to 780.985(4)
7. Sheriff’s Office
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Life Launch Institute, LLC for Parenting Program
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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Advance Peace – Year 1 Report (*Presentation*)

Paige Swem, Ingham County Health Department Policy Analyst, thanked the Law & Courts Committee for allowing Dr. Adenike Shoyinka, Ingham County Medical Health Officer, and Swem to join virtually and stated they would be present to answer questions. Swem further stated they would turn things over to Paul Elam, Ph.D., Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) Chief Strategy Officer.

Elam introduced Charles Richardson, Advance Peace Program Manager, and further provided a presentation on the Advance Peace Year 1 Report, which was provided in the minutes as Attachment A.

Commissioner Trubac asked Elam a clarifying question regarding the timeframe for the seven percent increase stated in the presentation.

Elam stated they had formally launched Advance Peace in Lansing on October 1, 2022 and they had measured it for 12 months, so they had ended it at the end of September 2023. Elam further explained that they used the 12 months prior to implementation, then they implemented it, and looked 12 months after implementation to total up the numbers of shootings and fatal shootings.

Elam explained they saw a 65 percent reduction in fatal shootings and a seven percent increase in shootings, in general, throughout the entire city.

Commissioner Schafer asked what the actual numbers were relating to the 65 percent reduction. Commissioner Schafer further stated that they had attended the Advance Peace's news conference and went through the whole presentation, which was a fantastic presentation.

Commissioner Schafer stated that their concern was that the fellowship piece only took the fellowship into account. Commissioner Schafer further stated that, when they were looking at reducing gun violence in Lansing, Advance Peace was only about guns and only those 12 fellows.

Commissioner Schafer stated if something happened in the city, it was not their fellows, as they were out of state, and Commissioner Schafer had not quite realized that all of the energy and all of the \$3.4 million in funding was all focused on those 12 fellows. Commissioner Schafer further asked if they were going into the schools looking for fellows and if there were younger fellows.

Commissioner Schafer asked what their presence in the school was for. Commissioner Schafer further asked if it was to seek out fellows and if the whole focus of Advance Peace was putting that energy into those fellows.

Elam stated that was a wonderful question and referred those present to their website, <https://advancepeacelansingingham.org/>, where there was a Data tab. Elam further stated that they had tracked gun violence in the Lansing community since 2019 and it was up to date as of October of 2023, and they would update it at the end of every month.

Elam further stated that in terms of raw numbers of the reduction, in 2022 they had 58 non-fatal shootings and 13 fatal shootings; in 2021 they had 85 non-fatal shootings and 23 fatal shootings; and to date in 2023 they had 61 non-fatal shootings and 8 fatal shootings. Elam further stated that that was broken down by month on their website.

Elam stated to Commissioner Schafer's point, they did a 12-month analysis prior to implementation in October of 2022 and then a 12-month analysis after implementation of those numbers and that was what they came up with. Elam further stated that they really used October 1, 2022 as their baseline and they were happy to send them some reports on that.

Elam stated that in terms of what Advance Peace was doing, they referred the Commissioners to slide number seven in Attachment A where they laid out their evidence-based practices. Elam further stated agreement that their ultimate goal was to recruit individuals who were at the center of cyclical and retaliatory gun violence, but their Neighborhood Change Agents (NCAs) have done much more than just working with fellows.

Elam further stated that NCAs were out doing street outreach every day trying to identify folks who were involved in the cyclical and retaliatory gun violence. Elam further provided an example to the Commissioners on how they implemented their evidence-based practices with their NCAs.

Elam stated that in terms of the numbers, they were sort of saying that Advance Peace talked about its ability to reduce violence amongst its fellows. Elam further stated that they wanted to engage them in their fellowship, change their thinking and ultimately change their behavior.

Elam stated that it was not a court-ordered program, so people could choose to be a part of the fellowship. Elam further stated that everyone in the community was not signing up to be a part of Advance Peace.

Elam stated that Advance Peace had to be willing to engage them, have a conversation with them, see if they were willing to participate with Advance Peace. Elam further stated that people were very concerned about if law enforcement was going to find out and if they were going to be tracked and followed.

Richardson stated that they thought what was hard to grasp was that the folks that they were working with, if they were not working with those 12, that meant there was a higher risk that someone in the community was going to be hurt. Richardson further stated what they also needed to keep in mind, there was a different complexity from when they were younger with gangs and cliques.

Richardson further provided an example regarding interactions on social media with the intentions of harming others that have developed from cliques. Richardson further stated that there was an intention to only get one person, but there were four other people there that could have gotten hurt.

Richardson stated that when they looked at who they were working with, they wanted to be able to expand so that they were able to have that possible connection with the opposite side. Richardson further explained that, if they worked with one person from a small group and another person from another small group and had them both a part of the program, they could open up an understanding of each group.

Richardson stated that it was a form of community policing and, when they talked about the presence of their NCAs, it was often hard to describe because they were on the ground, like soldiers, and were always present. Richardson further stated that before they had gone into the expansion, they had their NCAs at places where they could have thought that some other things were going on.

Richardson stated that sometimes it was just them being there with Advance Peace clothing on so that people knew it was a no-fly zone, one should not shoot there, and they were not a part of all of that.

Richardson stated that they thought it was very difficult to try to grasp, even for the most intelligent person, as it was hard to fathom the traumas those people were dealing with in a small circle that could expand in just seconds. Richardson further explained that it could start small with one-on-one retaliatory shooting to one shooting into crowds.

Elam stated that they wanted to clarify budget for Commissioner Schafer. Elam further stated that their budgets were down to the line item and, at that point, they had just over \$6 million to serve 60 fellows through that mix of funding they had mentioned in the presentation.

Elam stated that when they looked at it, they had funding to hire NCAs who had a caseload of five fellows, as that was what was asked of them. Elam further stated that the money paid for that NCA's salary and the ability to engage in extensive intervention with each one of the fellows.

Elam stated that they could actually break it down and show exactly where all of the resources went. Elam further stated that when they did the estimate, it was about \$35,000 per fellow, per year to be a part of the fellowship.

Elam explained that folks were getting touched three times per day by their NCA and engaged in life skills development, mentoring, and travel. Elam further stated that they were building behavioral health services, in partnership with the County, so it was very expensive, but they were happy to share those details as well, in terms of what it cost.

Elam stated that they had written an op-ed that stated that one shooting could cost the community over \$1 million.

Richardson stated that it was one of the things to kind of give context. Richardson further stated at that point they were not just talking about males, they were talking about females as well who were carrying and reactive.

Richardson further stated that was a growing concern for when they were talking to the NCAs, the NCAs were worried about that component. Richardson further stated that there were a lot of different dynamics that they needed to look at over the next 12 months to see how it continues to evolve.

Commissioner Trubac asked for clarification on the expansions and asked if, by that time next year, they had been hoping to get to 60, not 16.

Richardson confirmed it was 60.

Commissioner Trubac stated that they would love to see that expansion and that would be a huge difference from 12 to 60 and Commissioner Trubac thought they could really see some results. Commissioner Trubac further asked if that was an even split between East Lansing and Lansing.

Elam stated that they were in conversation with East Lansing at that point and they intended to add one Peacekeeper and one NCA into that space. Elam further stated that would be five fellows in the City of East Lansing.

Elam referenced 2023-2024 Advance Peace Expansion Plan map where a dark blue head represented one NCA that had a caseload of five fellows found in Attachment A.

Discussion.

Commissioner Celentino thanked Elam and Richardson for coming to give their one-year report and they were glad that Ingham County had gotten involved to support the program. Commissioner Celentino further stated that they liked what Richardson had said that, without the program, things could have gotten worse than what they were seeing.

Commissioner Celentino stated that they had always been impressed that this was an organizational program where they were in the trenches, as they said, on the ground working with the kids. Commissioner Celentino further thanked Elam and Richardson for what they had done and stated that for just one year they had done a lot and they knew, as Advance Peace expanded going forward, it was going to be more successful.

Commissioner Celentino stated that they wanted to go back to the expansion plan because they wanted to make sure they understood it. Commissioner Celentino further stated that they were looking at the 2023-2024 Advance Peace Expansion Plan map that was provided and they had seen that Advance Peace had the three high schools listed on the map.

Commissioner Celentino stated that for the 2023-2024 school year, Advance Peace was focused on expanding in the Southeast. Commissioner Celentino further asked if they were focused at Everett and then would not focus on the Northeast or Northwest until the 2024-2025 school year, or if they would have a presence in all of the high schools.

Elam stated that was a great question and thanked Commissioner Celentino because they could see why the image could have misled them. Elam further stated that the school expansion was occurring in 2023-2024 and MPHI had a job posting on their website for Peacekeepers and folks were applying to become Peacekeepers in the community.

Elam further stated that they also asked the school district to send representatives to apply for the jobs and they were working with the schools to identify which Peacekeepers were appropriate to work in the three high schools. Elam further stated that the other Peacekeepers were deployed in the areas that were mentioned by Commissioner Celentino.

Elam stated that the 2024-25 expansion was intended to say their community-based expansion. Elam stated that the school expansion was in the process as they spoke.

Richardson stated that when the Peacekeepers were in the buildings, they would be used exclusively for that purpose and no other purpose. Richardson further stated that they were dedicated to work with staff and work with student populations and made sure they made connections and hopefully people were willing to share information with them.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that they knew the identity of the fellows was confidential, but further asked if Elam and Richardson were comfortable disclosing if all of the fellows were male.

Elam stated that they had released a summary report on their website and it provided some demographics of the fellows, including their age and gender.

Commissioner Lawrence asked what their age range was.

Elam stated they were teenagers to young adults at that point.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if there were any minors.

Elam asked Commissioner Lawrence what they defined as a minor.

Commissioner Lawrence stated under 18.

Elam stated confirmation and further stated that they had evidence in the community that youth as young as ten years old were carrying weapons and had beefs with other people in the community. Elam further stated that they had prosecuted youth as young as 13 years old in the community, since they've launched, for engaging in that behavior.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that Elam had mentioned earlier that the fellows were out of state and asked them to speak more about that.

Elam stated yes and asked the Commissioners to look at the provided PowerPoint at slide eight that had the seven touch points. Elam further provided an explanation regarding the seven touch points and the strategy for removing fellows from the City of Lansing.

Elam stated that Richardson could have added a little bit more if they wanted to.

Elam stated that the concern was that many of those young men had never even met each other, so they did not see each other as human beings because they feuded on social media because one person did something to somebody they knew. Elam further stated that they had never really had the time to sit down and have a conversation.

Richardson stated that they did not understand their access just to the basics. Richardson further stated that they were asked what the biggest thing that was the most eye-opening, which was that some of the fellows had never been out of the City of Lansing far enough to know about going to another state or experience what that might have looked like.

Richardson stated that there were so many other factors that came into play when they considered that. Richardson further provided an example of folks regarding why they should regularly see a doctor for a check-up, even if they were not sick.

Richardson further stated that they had to look at how to help the fellows grow, and they would have to go through the basics, which was a process.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that they had mentioned that the Fellowship was 18 months long, so there had not been any graduates from the Fellowship yet. Commissioner Lawrence further asked, when 18 months was up, and Advance Peace really felt that someone should stay in the program, if that was an option.

Elam confirmed that was an option and further stated that the first Fellowship would end in March 2024. Elam further stated that they worked with their fellows on LifeMAP goals, and if they had not completed those goals, and they believed that the experience had been helpful, they could stay in the Fellowship for another 18 months to continue to work toward those goals.

Elam stated that they had been told by other cities that some of those fellows went through it two or three times. Elam further stated that their focus was to make sure that they stopped engaging in that behavior and whatever they needed to do, they would do it.

Richardson stated that it was a safety net for a lot of the fellows. Richardson further stated that it was not like every one of them that came to Advance Peace wanted to be involved in gun violence, but some of them feared that if they got out of it, they would be viewed as weak, scared, or not loyal.

Richardson stated that some may think for them to make a reasonable decision was something that would seem so far-fetched to them.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if being a Neighborhood Change Agent (NCA) was a full-time position.

Elam stated confirmation and explained that Peacekeepers were part-time and the NCAs were full-time. Elam further stated, going back to the earlier question, their Peacekeepers did not have fellows and their sole responsibility was to do street outreach, conflict mediation, support the NCAs, and to recruit fellows to join the Fellowship.

Elam stated that, once a fellow did join the Fellowship, then that full-time NCA was their point of contact on a day-to-day basis to help them navigate the experience.

Commissioner Cahill stated that it was such good work, it was unbelievable. Commissioner Cahill further stated that they were just wondering if they were trying to investigate back to where they began in 2021, as some of those people were coming from other shootings.

Elam stated absolutely, in terms of the street outreach work and getting to the root causes by using their public health approach, Commissioner Cahill was exactly right. Elam further provided an example on how they would address the long-term effects that shootings could have on rivalries.

Elam stated that a lot of it was historical and it could continue to be historical if they were not able to get in and mediate. Elam further stated things were not just starting, but their intervention just started in October of 2022.

Elam stated that they were trying to unpack the root causes of a lot of those issues, which could include relationships, trauma, historical shootings and beefs, or somebody could have been locked up and then returned to the community, which could start things they could not anticipate.

Elam further stated that once they started to hear about all of those things, they would keep their ears to the ground, which was street outreach. Elam further stated, going back to the title of the presentation, no one was going to law enforcement about that type of stuff and stated they believed that having trusted ears in the community could help them anticipate that.

Elam stated the young men listened to them if Advance Peace felt that needed to address a potential altercation with an Excursion to remove the fellow to have them think differently. Elam further stated that if the fellow was not here, they could not shoot anybody.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Elam and Richardson for their service and they knew it was hard work and could get very exhausting doing that work, as they had talked to a couple of the NCAs. Commissioner Johnson further asked that, as far as the work that Advance Peace had done from the time that they started working with the students, could they explain the positive emotional, behavioral, and educational impacts that they have made and seen on the students.

Elam stated that most of their young men were at the point where they were not participating in school because going to school could actually get them killed since people knew where they went to school, they were looking for them and hanging out. Elam further stated that was why the guns were all around the schools, in case people got caught in that situation.

Elam stated that they were working with the Superintendent and their staff to really think about that and they were encouraging Advance Peace to even get down into the Middle Schools to start the process early on to prevent it. Elam further stated that they traveled with all of their fellows and took them to do excursions in Detroit, Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Montgomery, and had all types of experiences.

Elam further stated that they could tell the Commissioners that every last one of the fellows were very respectful. Elam further stated that they would see what the media had to say about their behaviors and stated they believed it was a response that many of them were very scared and had a lot of traumas.

Elam stated that in terms of the fellow's thinking, Advance Peace had life skills classes every week to talk about issues and they had not gone to every one of them, but had to been to four or five, and had the opportunity to facilitate and have conversations. Elam further stated that they could think very well and understood many of those situations.

Elam stated that in terms of goals, they wanted to work, they wanted to take care of their families, they wanted to live in a safe environment but unfortunately many of those things just were not available to them. Elam further stated the housing situation was unstable, they could not work because they believed somebody could find out where they worked and then go to find them and do something to them, so they had to find opportunities outside of the city.

Elam stated in summary, they thought if they were given an opportunity they would take advantage of it. Elam further stated that was what those 12 young men were actually doing, they were showing up.

Elam further stated were they not perfect, could still have anger, could still be engaged in feuds in the community and could still gain access to a weapon.

Elam stated that the point they were making earlier about them not taking the credit, they gave the fellows the credit for changing their behavior and listening and saying they were making the choice not to shoot somebody today. Elam further stated that opportunity was still there.

Elam further stated that they wanted to sustain it and they have done a lot of travel with the fellows to make sure they understood the model. Elam further stated that Advance Peace was built on 13 evidence-based practices and many of them were what they would probably do for their children, nieces and nephews, if they had them.

Elam further stated that the issue was that many of the fellows did not have access to positive, pro-social things to do, which was just unfortunate here in the community.

Richardson stated for a lack of a better term, it gave them the opportunity to feel like the playing field was level. Richardson further stated that they offered them things that those in the room might have taken for granted.

Richardson further stated that the fellows did not see avenues when Advance Peace first encountered them, but that was the way to resolve their differences. Richardson further stated that it was really an opportunity for them once they realized it.

Commissioner Johnson left at 6:45 p.m.

Richardson further stated it was an opportunity to change if they wanted it to do that. Richardson further stated giving them the opportunity was probably more fulfilling to watch the fellows grow than they even realized.

Richardson further stated that they thought it was amazing that the fellows walked in angry, but they were at a meeting last week and they were relatively new in terms of working with the fellows, but as soon as they walked in it was love and a hug. Richardson further stated it was so unassuming, for some they actually saw the fellows going back to being kids and they could play on the fellows' level and they did not need to be a high-level adult where their thinking was that everything was going after them.

Commissioner Pawar stated they wanted to take a moment to thank Elam and Richardson from their constituents, who were very much in support of Advance Peace and were eagerly anticipating the presentation and they would be taking their report back to a constituent. Commissioner Pawar further stated that other constituents they met had also talked about Advance Peace and discussed that it should be expanded to a 20-mile radius of Lansing to make those communities aware of the program and what it was, because it would take a minute for it to actually sink in.

Commissioner Pawar stated that one of their constituents had stated that Advance Peace had done great work to help individuals who seek permanent solutions to temporary problems.

Commissioner Pawar further stated that most kids had very temporary problems, based on social media, and they were looking at a final answer to wanting the other person out and not have issues.

Commissioner Pawar stated that Elam and Richardson had touched in their presentation regarding the thought process around historical retaliatory actions around the same time of year. Commissioner Pawar asked how they could anticipate things that could be done using social media, like deleting those posts, helping them make those decisions to undo those things.

Commissioner Pawar further asked if there was any social media mitigation being done in the program.

Elam stated that was a great question and all of their NCAs were on social media all day long because a lot of the sources of conflict came from social media. Elam further stated that the NCAs would literally see something and call their fellow to ask what they were doing and to take that post down, do not get involved in that, because it added fuel to the fire.

Elam stated that the annual things were just a learning process, just like how we have traumas, or triggers. Elam further stated that if one lost a loved one during the holiday season, every time that holiday season came around, it could trigger them.

Elam further stated that those young men had the same types of triggers and they just had to get smart about that. Elam further stated that they had mentioned how some people got out of jail or prison were back on the street and they influenced a lot of things.

Elam stated that another thing they had learned last month was that there were people who were incarcerated who were influencing some of the shootings and they were not even present in the community. Elam further stated that Advance Peace needed to get connected to all of that and try to make sense of that, and use their influence.

Elam stated an example similar to the Devil and Angel on each shoulder of the fellows where they needed to be right there to tell them no and most of them listened. Elam further stated that what they believed was that most of the guys did not want to shoot.

Elam stated that there were shooters and murderers, most of those people were not murderers, but they had access to weapons and used those weapons to deal with conflict and they needed another way to deal with conflict.

Commissioner Pawar further asked how the NCAs were helped and supported in their psychological state of mind. Commissioner Pawar further stated that it was very hard to stay in the trenches every day wondering if one of their fellows was going to do something.

Richardson stated they encouraged the NCAs to take care of their mental health. Richardson further stated that since they have even been on board, it had been challenging because there were some things that could be anticipated and some that could not, and Richardson had encouraged them all to take care of their mental health first and foremost.

Richardson stated that if they called saying that they were having a bad day, that was a day they did not need to go into the field, maybe just needed to sit back and go talk to their therapist. Richardson further stated that they thought a lot of it was going back to revisit the trauma.

Richardson stated that the way they had to try to address that was to model what they wanted the fellows to do. Richardson further stated that sometimes the staff's egos were big and they would choose to not go to therapy, but they could not tell a fellow to go to therapy if they would not.

Richardson stated that some of it was talking with the NCAs as well and getting them to appreciate it. Richardson further stated that they did a lot of educating, and MPHI did an excellent job at that, and the types of training that Advance Peace was put through got them prepared and also allowed them to appreciate the value of what this was.

Richardson stated that they had walked in with a mindset on one thing but they had been convinced that the gun-violence was a mental health crisis because there were so many things that impacted it. Richardson further stated that they had to encourage them to take care of themselves as well in all kinds of ways.

Commissioner Pawar asked what happened to their caseload at that time and how was that managed.

Richardson stated that it may get shifted over to someone else, other people would pick it up, and they would gauge what that looked like with how busy someone else's caseload was. Richardson further stated that the fellows should be growing as well so that the NCAs could give them a little bit of an extension to be able to grow.

Richardson further stated that it would shift over and the others would help. Richardson further stated that they were a team so they would all pick up the pieces and it was evolving and growing as they went.

Commissioner Pawar asked if the part-time agents had the same access to resources.

Richardson stated yes.

Elam stated in terms of benefits, they were a public health institute, they had great benefits with Health Net and encouraged their staff to use that because it was free of charge for individual counseling. Elam further stated, to be totally transparent, they had an NCA out at that time to take care of themselves for at least 30 days.

Elam stated that they had 120 hours of training outside of the field annually and stated that every other month, everybody had to go out of the field and get training for an entire week

Elam stated that after the training they gave people an extra day or two just to do whatever they wanted to do and that was a part of the model. Elam further stated they just had their first all day retreat with the team and the whole retreat was about self-care.

Elam stated that the feedback they had gotten from the team was people really needed that time to go back and deal with issues. Elam further stated they appreciated the question because it was very traumatic work and those NCAs were not making a lot of money so they were trying their best to get the NCAs raises.

Elam further stated that the NCAs were doing a \$20 an hour, or more, job, they did have great benefits, but the hourly pay was not much. Elam further stated that they needed to be better to find resources to pay the NCAs.

Commissioner Pawar stated that the education point, they had stated that the fellows did not want to go to school because somebody might shoot them. Commissioner Pawar further stated that their belief was that education set the mind free.

Commissioner Pawar asked how there was education when some of the youth could be as young as 13 to 18, and further asked if the program had an elaborate way of getting them what they also needed besides travel. Commissioner Pawar further stated that getting individuals out of their space was a temporary fix that could reset their mind, but education was something that could last them longer and further asked how that was incorporated into the program.

Elam stated from a theoretical perspective they focused on goals and they would begin to ask them, as client-centered work, what it was that they needed to succeed and get out of the lifestyle. Elam further stated that they were not an educational program, they were a gun-violence reduction program, and whatever that person told them to get that person out of engaging in that behavior, that was their focus.

Elam stated that they agreed long-term if education, and work, and all of the things they wanted conventional folks to be engaged in, absolutely they were supportive of that. Elam further stated that if a fellow was not focused on that to get them to put their gun down, they were not going to have a conversation about that.

Elam further stated that they were going to focus on what the fellow needed to stop shooting people.

Commissioner Pawar asked if the fellow's focus six months into the program shifted and they were ready to focus on education, there was a way that they had that education program set up.

Elam stated they were not opposed to it and they had folks working on GEDs and all types of things. Elam further stated that was not their initial goal, even employment, they were trying to keep the community safe.

Elam stated if there was a fellow that had about eight people trying to kill them, Advance Peace was not going to put them back in school or working at Arby's for eight hours a day to get found and shot and, if there were others around, they could get shot too.

Richardson stated that was why they stressed short-term, intermediate-term, and long-term goals. Richardson further stated that once they started to look at the goals as growth happens, they could reassess what their goals were because sometimes their goals would change as well in order to help their family and do better.

Chairperson Polsdofer stated Elam had mentioned the goal of hitting 60 fellows in 2024 and had also mentioned some Federal Grants that sounded like they were under way. Chairperson Polsdofer asked if they knew a timeline on when decisions were made on if they succeeded in getting those and if there was a numerical figure on what it would take to directly get to that 60 and if that could be shared with the Commissioners.

Chairperson Polsdofer further stated that when they initially set the program up, it was their understanding that they would set it up for more than just a fiscal year so they were not lurching every 12 months. Chairperson Polsdofer further stated that as they were looking to do a significant expansion, when they first started it was the City of Lansing and Ingham County that came together first, and then much later, because they were on a different budget cycle, the State came in with \$354,000 to kind of make the full funding for the initial program.

Chairperson Polsdofer further stated that if they did not succeed in getting those Federal Grants to bring them there, they would likely need to have a number sometime in January of 2024 to get to the Governor's Office to at least make them aware for the Executive Budget Recommendation, then early spring at the County level, and so on.

Chairperson Polsdofer stated if they had a breakdown of what those numbers were, should the Federal Grants not go through, that would be helpful for them to have to be able to work with.

Elam stated that they really appreciated the question and they would get those numbers to the Commissioners, as they were already having the conversations about the budgets. Elam further stated to clarify, they had already succeeded in winning the grants and the expansion plan they had before the Commissioners was fully funded.

Elam provided a breakdown about the secured, pending, and declined funding options that were applied for and the future sustainability of the program. Elam further stated they started that by saying for Advance Peace to work in a community, they had to have the sustained commitment from the local government.

Elam stated they would like to see 51 percent commitment of the budget from the city and County and the first three years were about not committing long-term to Advance Peace in the case it did not work for Lansing. Elam stated they thought by the time the first fellowship ended, they would get a report from the evaluator, the University of California Berkley, they would be able to see the effects it had on the community.

Elam stated, if this initiative wanted to be sustained, MPHI would do what they could as a partner to continue to raise funds and they hoped their governmental partners would do the same thing. Elam further stated they believed their fellows were doing great and, if one looked at the

research, strategy or intervention that says there would be 75 percent of folks participating in something like this that would change their behavior and thinking.

Elam stated it was a high-dosage initiative and they were looking at Cure Violence, Ceasefire, and Advance Peace, which were the only three evidence-based Community Based Initiative models, as well as hospital-based intervention models that were effective as well.

Elam stated that Ingham County invested in one of four highly effective models and had been replicated in 13 sites, with more sites emerging. Elam further stated that every one of the sites were experiencing a reduction of gun violence by 30 to 40 percent.

Elam stated that Lansing was exceeding that, but they had a few more months to go to get through the first fellowship.

Chairperson Polsdofer thanked Elam and Richardson.

Elam thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity. Elam further stated that their 18-month evaluation report was going to be public by April of 2024 and they were happy to return to share what they learned.

2. Racial Equity Task Force – Resolution to Create an Annual Report on Criminal Justice Data for Ingham County

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TRUBAC, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Cahill left at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Lawrence left at 7:04 p.m.

Commissioner Schafer stated that they had some questions and concerns on the resolution. Commissioner Schafer further stated they were looking at having a third party oversight on the County Judges and Prosecutors, so their first question was if those parties had been notified that the resolution existed and what their thoughts were about it.

Feliz Rodriguez, Ingham County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Director, stated that they had not been formally notified, but they were sure that seeing it go through email and in the packet, they had access to the information. Rodriguez further stated that they had not taken a proactive approach to having one-on-one discussions.

Commissioner Schafer stated that they saw it was pretty much an open budget and asked, with the approval of the budget, what was the expectation of the cost.

Rodriguez stated that they really did not know and that was why the Request for Proposals (RFP) was out there to see what the cost was to the system or software that they could be using.

Rodriguez further stated that they would bring the cost back to DEI where they could see what they were capable of doing and then make an informed decision.

Rodriguez further stated that would come before the Law & Courts Committee again. Rodriguez further stated that once they had gotten the RFPs in, they could evaluate and see if it met their needs.

Commissioner Schafer asked from Rodriguez's view, what was the actual reasoning that they needed to have a third party take a look at it. Commissioner Schafer further asked what the issue was that came about that they needed to have it.

Rodriguez stated that it led back to transparency and trust, so having a third party reduced conflict of interests. Rodriguez further stated they were just simply looking at the data and looking at the reporting and put it out into the system and provide them the reports.

Commissioner Cahill returned at 7:06 p.m.

Rodriguez stated that they could have internally done that, but with internal systems that information could be skewed and they were trying to reduce that and address potential bias in the entire process.

Commissioner Lawrence returned at 7:07 p.m.

Commissioner Schafer asked if it was going to be targeted toward each individual Judge and each individual Prosecutor. Commissioner Schafer further asked if DEI was looking for a report that would break it down per Judge and per Prosecutor.

Rodriguez stated that if they were going to invest in data collection, they wanted to have that capability but they also wanted to have the controls to disable some bad detail. Rodriguez further stated that on an internal side of things, they wanted to have access to that information, but publicly, they wanted to do an overall report.

Commissioner Schafer asked if it was going to be focused on per Judge and per Prosecutor as the breakdown came in.

Rodriguez stated that it depended on how they gathered the data. Rodriguez further stated that they guessed that the way technology was today, they were going to be able to identify who made what sentence.

Commissioner Schafer stated that they had just had the whole presentation with Advance Peace, and their concern was that those were elected officials and they were trying to oversee as the County. Commissioner Schafer further stated that they would have assumed that all Judges were going to enforce the law.

Commissioner Schafer stated that their concern was if the resolution was going to not allow them to do their job as a Judge and as a Prosecutor because of the potential numbers that came out.

Rodriguez stated that they hoped it held them to some level of accountability and consistency. Rodriguez further stated that they thought that would be their target.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that as the Board of Commissioners, it was their job to oversee the budget of the Courts. Commissioner Lawrence further stated if the report showed that there was a member of the Judiciary or a Prosecutor whose demographics were skewed in a way that was not good, then that was a stick that the Board of Commissioners held in order to have the equality they should have in the community.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that their mother always used to tell them that those who have nothing to hide, hide nothing. Commissioner Lawrence further stated that if there was nothing for those individuals to be afraid of then they should not have had any problem engaging in the study.

Commissioner Lawrence thanked Rodriguez for bringing the resolution to them because they thought it was very important.

Commissioner Pawar stated that they seconded that and that it was a good initiative to make it transparent.

Commissioner Trubac asked for clarification regarding if the RFP was already out at that time or if that was what they were voting on.

Rodriguez stated that they were voting to put out the RFP.

Commissioner Trubac further asked if that would come back to them.

Rodriguez stated confirmation.

Commissioner Trubac stated that the item was pulled at their previous meeting and they were curious as to what changed.

Rodriguez stated that it was supposed to go to the meeting but there was some miscommunication with Commissioner Tennis. Rodriguez further stated that Commissioner Tennis thought that the Racial Equity Taskforce (RET) had not voted it in and that Rodriguez had just moved it forward.

Rodriguez further stated that Commissioner Tennis missed that particular meeting that they had voted it in and Commissioner Tennis apologized. Rodriguez further stated that they understood that Commissioner Grebner had wanted to review it and may have had some input.

Commissioner Trubac asked if there had been discussion from the RET as to how the data was going to be used or utilized in the future.

Rodriguez stated that it was for having best practices and continuous improvement internally, but also having that transparency with the community. Rodriguez further stated that they understood that there was some work that Michigan State University (MSU) was doing that was currently being shared with them about some of the work they had done in offering those reports so they could also improve.

Commissioner Trubac asked if it was going to be public data.

Rodriguez stated that they needed to determine what would be public data and what would not be public. Rodriguez further stated that they believed there should be a level of transparency with the community, but at what level, to Commissioner Schafer's point, did they want it to be disclosed.

Commissioner Trubac asked if there was a plan to have a report developed to give to the Board of Commissioners and had that been discussed at all.

Rodriguez stated yes, there would be an annual report provided.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED. **Yeas:** Polsdofer, Trubac, Cahill, Lawrence, Pawar, Celentino. **Nays:** Schafer. **Absent:** Johnson.

3. Circuit Court

- a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract for Representation of Indigent Parties Facing Contempt Charges in Personal Protection Order Cases, Emergency Risk

MOVED BY COMM. LAWRENCE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Lawrence stated they were very interested and supportive of this program and wanted an overview on how it had gone during 2023. Commissioner Lawrence further asked if the individual had felt overwhelmed with work.

Nick Hefty, Deputy 30th Circuit Court Administrator, stated it had gone well and it had been a voluminous amount of work for the individual. Hefty further stated they provided some of the reasoning's for the need for additional funding into the contract.

Hefty stated Reid Felsing, Attorney, had a good reputation with the Ingham County Judges, had done an excellent job, came highly recommended and, fortunately, reapplied for the Contracted Attorney position.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if this would be for a longer period of time.

Hefty stated there would be an extension clause in there because they wanted the option to renew the contract after each year if that was what was desired, rather than repeating the process every year. Hefty further stated that at the end of the contract year, Felsing had the option to discontinue their contract if they wanted as well.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the \$250 allowance for contempt proceedings was new and asked if the compensation increased from \$12,000 to \$14,000.

Hefty confirmed the compensation increased to \$14,000. Hefty further stated the \$250 flat rate was new legislation that was passed in 2023 and would enact on approximately February 7, 2024.

Hefty stated they were unsure of how this would look because it was new legislation that allowed for Police, service providers, and members of the community to petition the court to remove weapons from individuals that they could prove were unsafe to themselves or others. Hefty further stated this would just be representation for contempt on violating an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO).

Hefty reiterated that they were unsure of what that would look like, since it was new legislation that would be enacted in 2024.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if an individual was under an ERPO or was involved in a proceeding where there was an ERPO requested against them, that individual would have the option to have separate counsel and Felsing would become involved if they were in contempt of the ERPO.

Scott LeRoy, 30th Circuit Court Administrator, stated confirmation. LeRoy further stated Felsing would only represent them if they were at risk of their liberty being taken and were to be housed in jail.

Commissioner Lawrence thanked Hefty and LeRoy and expressed their support for the resolution.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

Announcements

Commissioner Celentino noted this was the last Law & Courts Committee meeting in 2023 and further thanked Chairperson Polsdofer for their steadfast leadership and navigating them through the issues during the year. Commissioner Celentino further stated they looked forward to seeing Chairperson Polsdofer continue to Chair in 2024.

Commissioner Trubac thanked Chairperson Polsdofer for their work in 2023 and they were also looking forward to 2024 with Chairperson Polsdofer remaining as the Chairperson.

Commissioner Cahill expressed agreement.

Commissioner Schafer thanked Chairperson Polsdofer for their patience and leadership during the year.

Commissioner Pawar stated appreciation to for Chairperson Polsdofer and Commissioner Celentino for the opportunities to learn from them in ways they never thought possible. Commissioner Pawar further stated the experiences from the senior Commissioners provided valuable insight to how they approach issues and made them move forward.

Commissioner Pawar stated it was a wonderful experience for them that Chairperson Polsdofer provided everyone the opportunity to speak. Commissioner Pawar further stated appreciation for any of the predecessors that sat on the Law & Courts Committee and set the pace.

Commissioner Pawar stated they were very thankful and grateful to have learned all they had.

Chairperson Polsdofer stated they were thankful for the opportunity to work with those present and further thanked Commissioner Celentino for keeping them in line on Rules of Order.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Gun Violence is a Threat to Public Health!

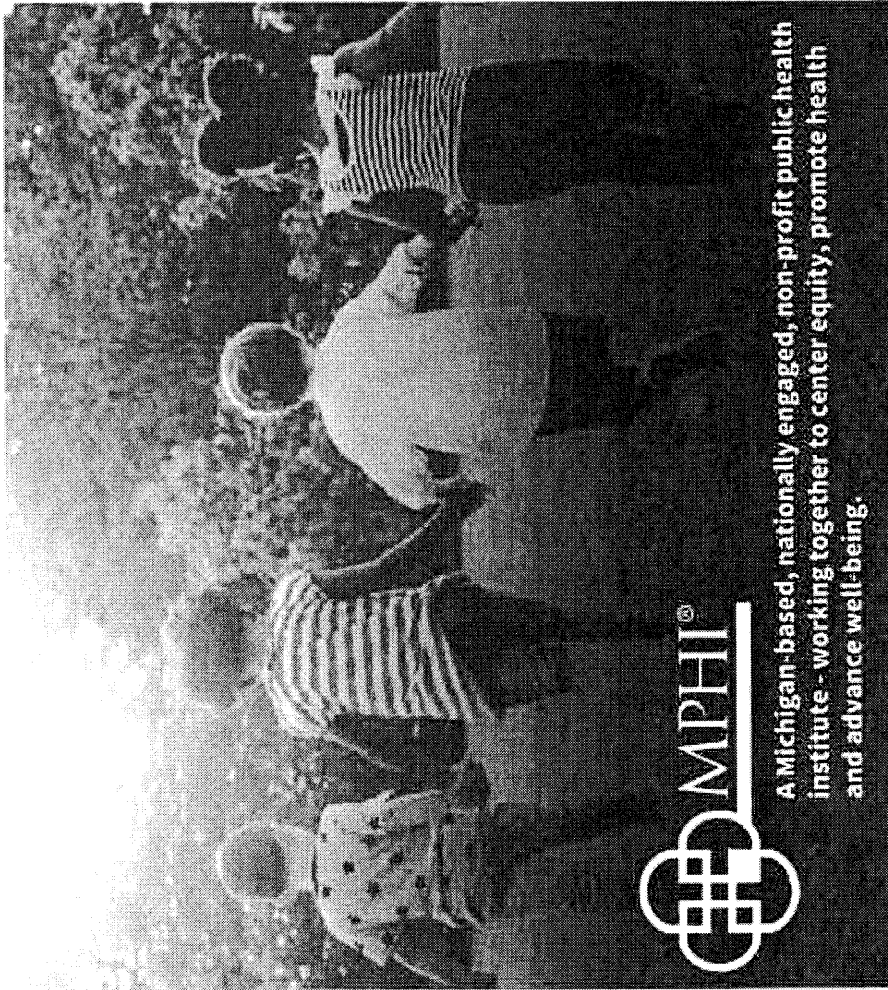
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Community Violence Intervention Centering Those Most Impacted By Gun Violence Advance Peace Peacemaker Fellowship


Paul Elam, PhD, Chief Strategy Officer

Charles Richardson, JD, Program Manager






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Servant Leadership

We are all leaders, and attend to the growth and well-being of each other.




Health Equity & Social Justice

We seek out what is unjust and remove barriers to achieving health and well-being.



Authentic Relationships

We engage with integrity and transparency to build trust.



Quality & Excellence

We deliver service that exceeds expectations and promotes positive change.

What if trauma,
stemming from
events
experienced long
ago, is partly
fueling this
violence?

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The Things They Carry

Understanding Trauma, Men and Cycles of Violence

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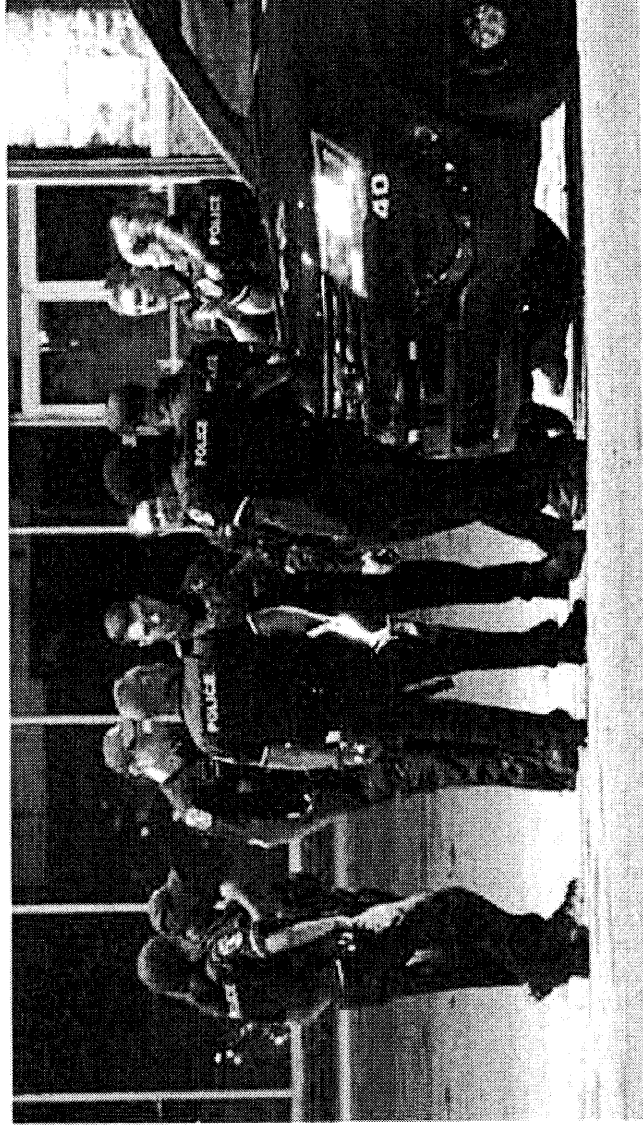
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**We have to get
smarter on our
understanding of
of cyclical and
retaliatory gun
violence!**

5 wounded, 2 critically, after shooting at Michigan shopping center

By Jessica Kohn, CNN

Updated 12:17 AM EDT, Mon July 31, 2023



Police in Lansing, Michigan, are investigating after a shooting early Sunday left five people injured.

What is
Community
Violence
Intervention?



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EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH

Evidence Based Practices include:



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Mentoring



Intensive Case Management



Life Skills Training

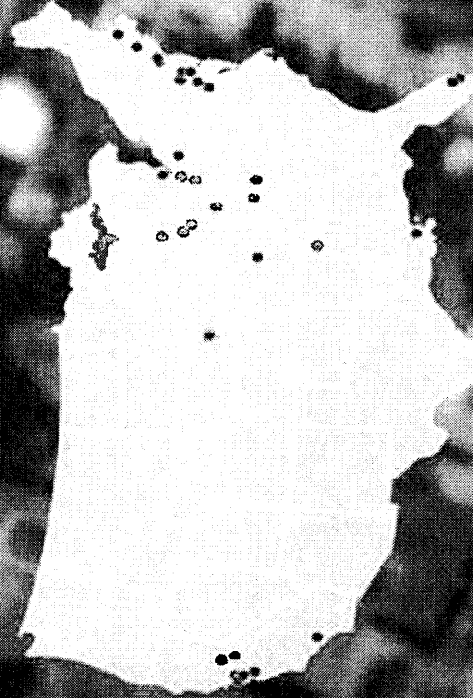


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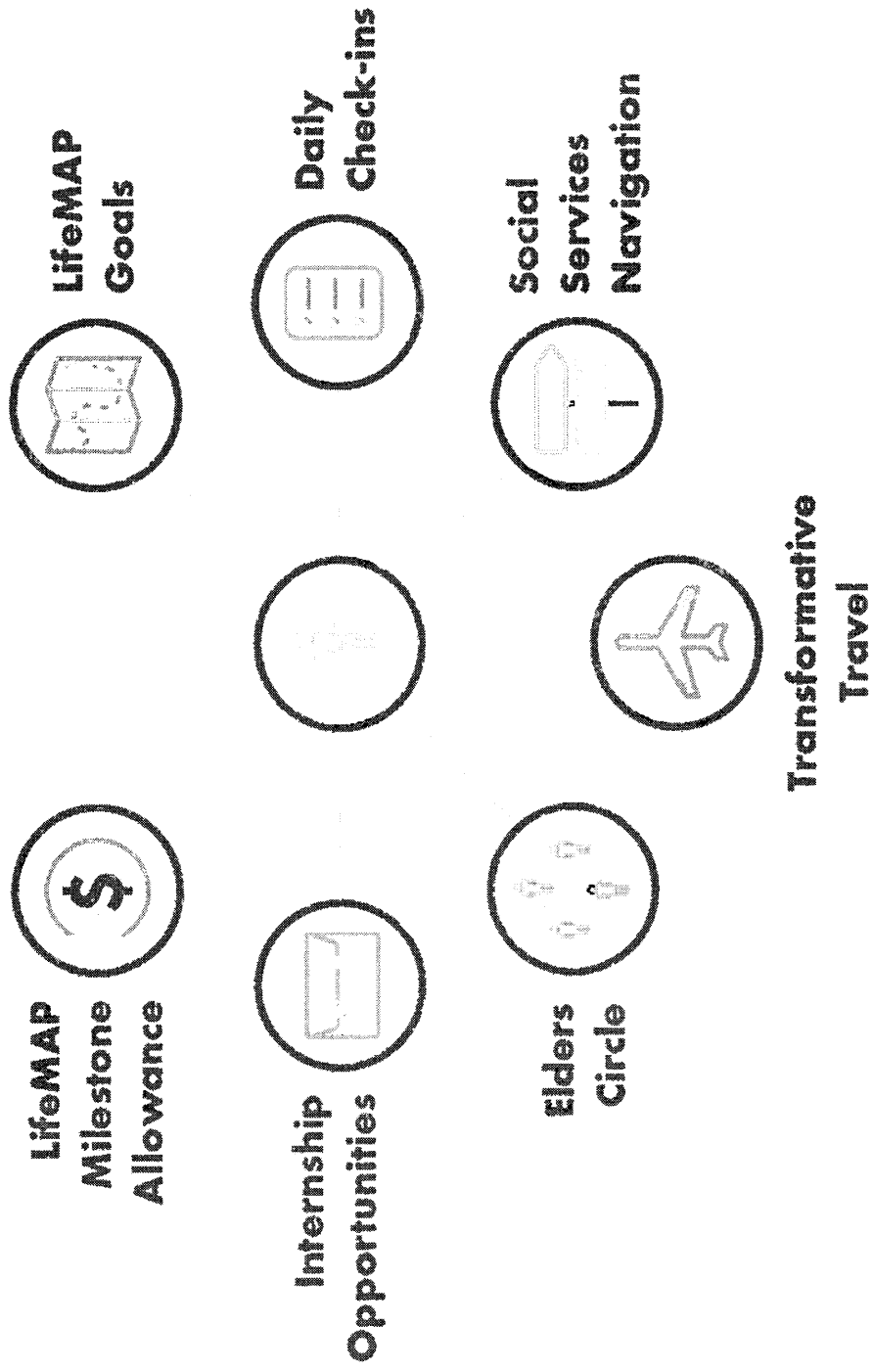


Subsidized Employment

The Advance Peace strategy is being discussed as a model throughout the country.



Seven touchpoints:





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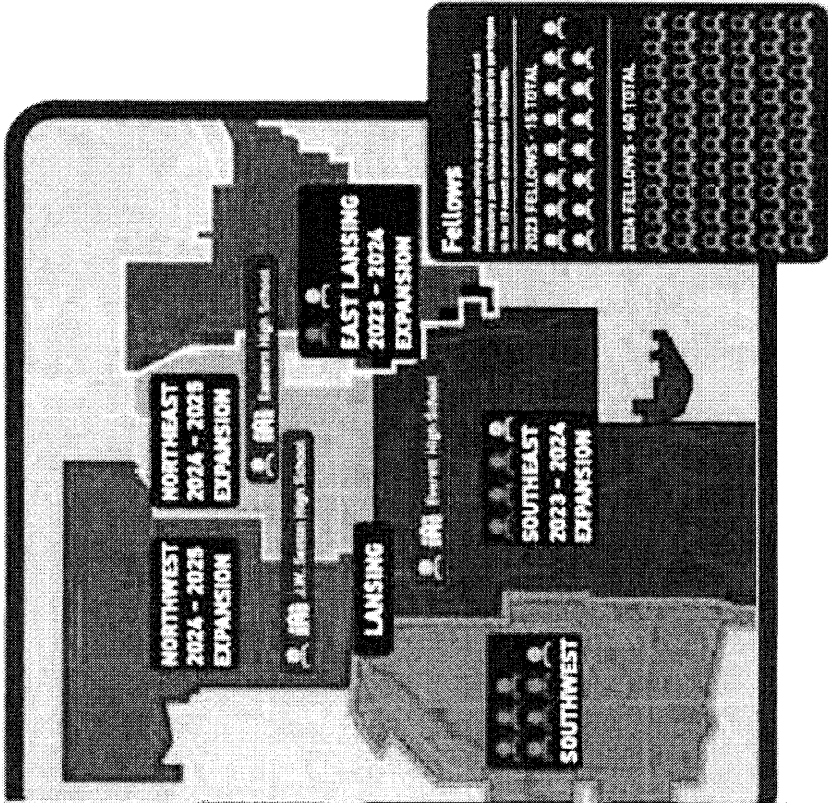
Street Outreach
Implementing Street Team (STT) and Neighborhood Outreach (NO) strategies with community-based organizations to provide support and resources to the community.

KEY
FIELD COORDINATOR
NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH ASSISTANT
PEACE KEEPER

Community Partners
The Village Lansing
Lansing School District
Eastside Community Action Center
Child and Family Services

Core Partners
Ingham County
Lansing Police
Advance Peace

Funders
City of Lansing
Ingham County
Department of Justice



Fellows
Advance is seeking to recruit and train 100 new fellows to support the expansion of the program.

2023 FELLOWS - 15 TOTAL
[Icons representing 15 fellows]

2024 FELLOWS - 80 TOTAL
[Icons representing 80 fellows]

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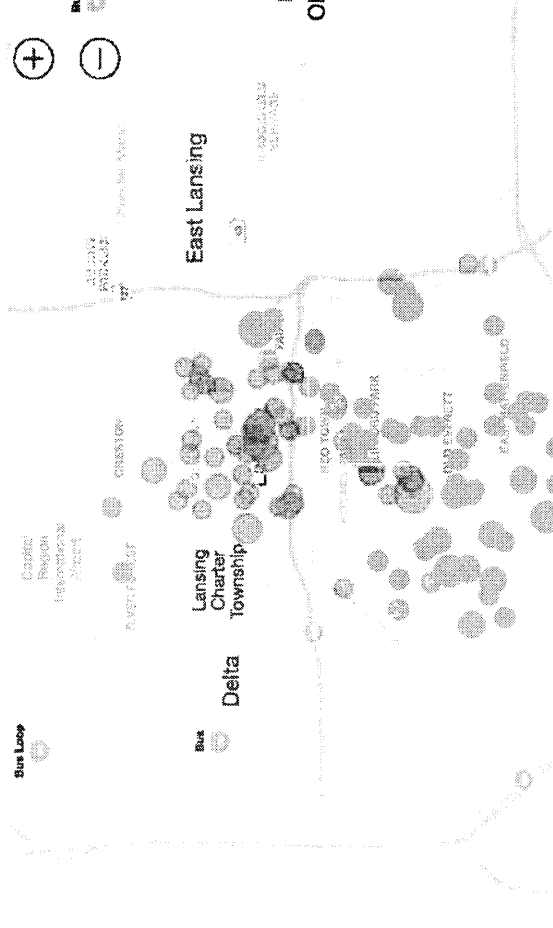
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**“Always place the people who
are most impacted at the center
of conversations which seek to
find solutions to problems
affecting them.”**

Paul Elam, PhD



Thank You!

**JANUARY 11, 2024 LAW & COURTS AGENDA
STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY**

RESOLUTION ACTION ITEMS:

The Controller recommends approval of the following resolutions:

1. Circuit Court – Juvenile Division – *Resolution to Authorize Contracts for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem Representation*

This resolution authorizes contracts with attorneys for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem services for 2024. The lawyers and assigned judges include:

- Michael Staake for Judge Lisa McCormick - \$48,222.54
- Kaitlin Fish for Judge Richard Garcia - \$48,222.54
- Michael Van Huysse for Judge Shauna Dunning - \$48,222.54
- Kaitlin Fish for Judge Morgan Cole – 48,222.54

Funding is through a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant and also includes \$2,000/lawyer for web-based legal research and court rules.

See memo for details.

2a. Health Department – *Resolution to Amend Resolution #23-087 with Michigan Public Health Institute for Administrative Support to Operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship* ®

This resolution amends the agreement with MPH I approved via Resolution #23-087 by \$170,000 for additional administrative support to Advanced Peace Lansing/Ingham County. These additional funds will provide for travel and registrations for staff conferences and training and will provide the Peacemaker Fellowship ® LifeMAP Allowances and Horizon-Building Journeys. The program helps build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence and saves lives and reduces the life-altering trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities and by the service providers who support them.

See memo for details.

2b. Health Department – *Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute for Administrative Support to Operate Year Three of the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship* ®

This resolution authorizes a third year of the agreement with MPH I for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship. Total funding for Year 3 is \$513,339 and is included in the Advance Peace Lansing budget.

See memo for details.

3a. 9-1-1 Central Dispatch – Resolution to Authorize the Renewal of ProQA Medical Software Licenses and Support from Priority Dispatch for the Ingham County 9-1-1 Center

This resolution authorizes the renewal of ProQA medical software licenses and support from Priority Dispatch. The 9-1-1 Center needs to renew eight (8) system licenses and four (4) backup software licenses.

Funding for the \$12,600 expense is available in the 9-1-1 Fund.

See memo for details.

3b. 9-1-1 Central Dispatch – Resolution to Authorize a Contract Renewal of Scheduling Software/Services for the 9-1-1 Center

This resolution authorizes a contract renewal with Pace Scheduler for scheduling software for 9-1-1. The yearly contract with Pace Scheduler includes service, training, support, and upgrades for a 12-month term running from March 7, 2024 to March 6, 2025, at a cost of \$4,800. Pace Scheduler is also offering the option with a multi-year contract to freeze the rate of \$4,800 for an additional 12 months (March 7, 2025 to March 6, 2026). The payment of \$9,600 would be due upfront to lock in the no-increase rate.

Funding for the \$9,600 expense is available in the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch Services fund.

See memo for details.

TO: Law & Courts and Finance Committees
FROM: Annette Ellison, Deputy Court Administrator
DATE: January 3rd, 2024
**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS FOR
LAWYER GUARDIAN AD LITEM REPRESENTATION**

For Meeting Agendas: January 11, 2024 – Law and Courts
January 17, 2024 – Finance

BACKGROUND

The resolution attached with this memo is requesting authorization for the Circuit Court Juvenile Division to continue contracts for legal representation of children in neglect and abuse cases. The four attorneys recommended in this resolution have already been providing Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem services (L-GAL) for the Circuit Court Juvenile Division.

The case distribution for neglect and abuse cases is unchanged from 2023. The case distribution for neglect and abuse cases is as follows: Judge Koenig .2, Judge McCormick .2, Judge Garcia .2, Judge Dunnings .2, and Judge Cole .2 of the Family Division docket. The Juvenile Division recommends providing a 2% increase to the 2024 contracts. This allows the Juvenile Division to incrementally increase contract rates in order to avoid large increases.

The 2024 L-GAL position for Judge Koenig has been satisfied already under Resolution #23-484. Long-term attorney Annette Skinner vacated the position 10/31/2023 and the remainder of 2023 and 2024 was contracted to attorney Heather Boyer. Thus, no new 2024 contract is needed for L-GAL services to Judge Koenig.

The Court has entered into Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem contracts since 2002 in an effort to reduce costs for attorney fees and provide consistent and efficient legal representation for children. The Judiciary selects specific attorneys for these contracts based on exceptional qualifications, such as good standing with the State Bar of Michigan, familiarity with this specific area of law, and a well-known reputation for zealously advocating for their clients. The contracts will be in effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Furthermore, the court received a significant grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to increase the quality of legal representation in neglect and abuse cases. This grant allows the Court to allocate funds to a Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem for training, legal research, and collateral and vertical case representation.

ALTERNATIVES

The Court assigns court appointed attorneys from the court appointed list to represent youth. This would result in a reduction in the quality of legal representation for children in neglect and abuse cases.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds to support this contract have been allocated in the Juvenile Division's 2024 budget. No additional funding is requested.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

Develop an indigent defense service plan following guidelines issued by the State through the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC).

Adequate attorney compensation was recognized as one of the eight core standards of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. The Commission's report states:

Assigned counsel should receive prompt compensation at a reasonable rate and should be reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket, case-related expenses. Assigned counsel should be compensated for all work necessary to provide quality legal representation. Activities outside of court appearances, such as directing an investigation, negotiating, or tactical planning, etc., require no less legal skill and expertise than in-court appearances, and are equally important to quality representation.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Enter into a contract.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS FOR
LAWYER GUARDIAN AD LITEM REPRESENTATION**

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Juvenile Division, by statute and Constitution, must provide Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation for children in neglect and abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Juvenile Division, to reduce cost for attorney fees and provide consistent and efficient legal services for children, has contracted with specialized Lawyers Guardian Ad Litem; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget approved by the Board of Commissioners, authorizes funds to contract with specialized attorneys to provide legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the specialized attorneys are selected by the judiciary based on exceptional qualifications, such as good standing with the State Bar of Michigan, familiarity with this specific area of law and a well-known reputation for zealously advocating for their clients; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Family Division caseloads are weighted equally; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Attorney Michael Staake continue providing Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation for neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Lisa McCormick at a rate not to exceed \$48,222.54 a year for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Attorney Kaitlin Fish continue providing Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation for neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Richard J. Garcia at rate not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Attorney Michael Van Huysse continue providing Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation for neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Shauna Dunnings at rate not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that Attorney Kaitlin Fish shall begin providing Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation for neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Morgan Cole at rate not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Juvenile Division received a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to increase the quality of legal representation for neglect and abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, the grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services allows the Circuit Court Juvenile Division to distribute funds to a Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem for training, legal research, and collateral and vertical case representation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Attorney Michael Staake for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation on neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Lisa McCormick at a rate of \$4,018.54 a month, not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Attorney Kaitlin Fish for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation on neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Richard J. Garcia at a rate of \$4,018.54 a month, not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Attorney Michael Van Huysse for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation on neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Shauna Dunnings at a rate of \$4,018.54 a month, not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Attorney Kaitlin Fish for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem representation on neglect and abuse cases assigned to Judge Morgan Cole at a rate of \$4,018.54 a month, not to exceed \$48,222.54 for calendar year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Circuit Court Juvenile Division is authorized to provide web based legal research and court rules at a rate not to exceed \$2,000 per attorney per calendar year as budgeted in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Circuit Court Juvenile Division is authorized to provide additional payments to Attorney Michael Staake, Attorney Kaitlin Fish, Attorney Heather Boyer, and Attorney Michael Van Huysse, not to exceed \$132,928 for calendar year 2024, for vertical and collateral case representation on neglect and abuse cases as budgeted in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Agenda Item 2a

TO: Board of Commissioner's Law & Courts, Human Services and Finance Committees
FROM: Adenike Shoyinka, MD, MPH, Medical Health Officer
DATE: December 12, 2023
Subject: Authorization to Amend Resolution #23-087 with Michigan Public Health Institute for Administrative Support to Operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship®

For the Meeting Agendas of January 11, January 17, and January 22, 2024

BACKGROUND

Ingham County Health Department wishes to amend Resolution #23-087, (the Year 2 Local Operator contract) with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for Administrative Support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$471,751, an increase of \$170,000, effective March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024. These additional funds will provide for travel and registrations for staff conferences and training and will provide the Peacemaker Fellowship ® LifeMAP Allowances and Horizon-Building Journeys. The program helps build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence and saves lives and reduces the life-altering trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities and by the service providers who support them.

On February 28, 2023, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #23-087 authorizing MPHI to provide administrative support and operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® for Year 2. This resolution will amend the current contract authorized through Resolution #23-087 and will be eligible for renewal for Year 3 based upon performance in Year 2.

ALTERNATIVES

Advance Peace (AP) National is unaware of other community-based local organizations within Lansing with the required bandwidth to implement, manage, and secure the requisite resources required by the AP Lansing strategy to be sustained over multiple years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for this amended agreement will not exceed \$170,000 and are covered by the operating budget for the project.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the commitment of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners to continue work that targets violent offenders, high-level drug dealers, gang activity, and gun violence (Goal A, Strategy 1 of the 2018-2022 Update to the Strategic Plan and Action Plan.)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

There are no other considerations.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to amend Resolution #23-087 with MPHI for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$471,751, an increase of \$170,000, effective March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

Introduced by the Law & Courts, Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION #23-087 WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH
INSTITUTE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO OPERATE THE LANSING/INGHAM
PEACEMAKER FELLOWSHIP ®**

WHEREAS, Ingham County Health Department wishes to amend Resolution #23-087, (the Year 2 Local Operator contract) with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$471,751, an increase of \$170,000, effective March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #23-087 authorizing MPHI to provide administrative support and operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® for Year 2; and

WHEREAS, these additional funds will provide for travel and registrations, for staff conferences and training, and will provide the Peacemaker Fellowship ® LifeMAP Allowances and Horizon-Building Journeys; and

WHEREAS, this program helps build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence, saves lives and reduces the life-altering trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities, and reduces trauma for the service providers who support them; and

WHEREAS, this contract will be eligible for renewal for Year 3 based upon performance in Year 2; and

WHEREAS, funds for this amended agreement will not exceed \$170,000 and are covered by the operating budget already approved through Resolution #23-087; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Health Officer recommends that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorize entering into an agreement with MPHI for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$471,751, an increase of \$170,000, effective March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into an agreement with MPHI for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$471,751, an increase of \$170,000, effective March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on February 28, 2023, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #23-087 authorizing MPHI to provide administrative support and operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® for Year 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these additional funds will provide for travel and registrations, for staff conferences and training, and will provide the Peacemaker Fellowship ® LifeMAP Allowances and Horizon-Building Journeys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this program helps build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence, saves lives and reduces the life-altering trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities, and reduces trauma for the service providers who support them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract will be eligible for renewal for Year 3 based upon performance in Year 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds for this amended agreement will not exceed \$170,000 and are covered by the operating budget already approved through Resolution #23-087.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Agenda Item 2b

TO: Board of Commissioner's Law & Courts, Human Services and Finance Committees
FROM: Adenike Shoyinka, MD, MPH, Medical Health Office
DATE: December 12, 2023
Subject: Resolution Authorizing Year 3 Agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute for Administrative Support to Operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship®

For the Meeting Dates of January 11, January 17, and January 22, 2024

BACKGROUND

Ingham County Health Department wishes to enter into an agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for Administrative Support to Operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$513,339, effective March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025. The program helps build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence, saving lives and reducing the life-altering trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities and by the service providers who support them.

On February 28, 2023, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #23-087 authorizing MPHI. to provide administrative support and operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® for Year 2. During Year 2, MPHI demonstrated: 1. strong leadership and understanding of the implementation and management requirements of the Advance Peace (AP) Lansing Peacemaker Fellowship, 2. a commitment to maintaining strategy fidelity in its hiring, training, and staff deployment, and 3. an ability to identify, secure, and manage large multi-year funding amounts to support the AP Lansing strategy. MPHI also created a broad communication and advocacy campaign to support the AP Lansing strategy and partnership for expanded ecosystem building.

MPHI will use funds under this agreement to serve as the AP Lansing Local Operator which includes staffing the project and providing administrative support and opportunities for leadership and organizational development, coaching, technical support, and training to build long-term local capacity for program succession. This contract may be eligible for renewal in future years based on previous performance.”

ALTERNATIVES

AP National is unaware of other community-based local organizations within Lansing with the required bandwidth to implement, manage, and secure the resources required by the AP Lansing strategy to be sustained over multiple years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for this agreement are included within the secured third year of the Advance Peace Lansing budget and will not exceed \$513,339.

STRATEGIC PLANNING IMPACT

This resolution supports the commitment of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners to continue work that targets violent offenders, high-level drug dealers, gang activity, and gun violence (Goal A, Strategy 1 of the 2018-2022 Update to the Strategic Plan and Action Plan.)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

There are no other considerations.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to enter into an agreement for the Year 3 contract with MPHI for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$513,339, effective March 1, 2023, through February 28, 2025.

Introduced by the Law & Courts, Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH
INSTITUTE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO OPERATE YEAR THREE OF THE
LANSING/INGHAM PEACEMAKER FELLOWSHIP ®**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Health Department wishes to enter into an agreement with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) for Administrative Support to Operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® Year 3 in an amount not to exceed \$513,339, effective March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the program helps build and sustain local community capacity to interrupt gun violence, saving lives and reducing the life-altering trauma experienced by people living in the impacted communities and by the service providers who support them; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution #23-087 authorizing MPHI to provide administrative support and operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® for Year 2; and

WHEREAS, during Year 2 MPHI demonstrated: 1. strong leadership and understanding of the implementation and management requirements of the Advance Peace (AP) Lansing Peacemaker Fellowship, 2. a commitment to maintaining strategy fidelity in its hiring, training, and staff deployment, and 3. an ability to identify, secure, and manage large multi-year funding amounts to support the AP Lansing strategy; and

WHEREAS, MPHI has created a broad communications and advocacy campaign to support the AP Lansing strategy and partnership for expanded ecosystem building; and

WHEREAS, funds under this agreement will be used by MPHI to serve as the AP Lansing Local Operator which includes staffing the project and providing administrative support in addition to providing opportunities for leadership and organizational development, coaching, technical support, and training to build long-term local capacity for program succession; and

WHEREAS, AP National is unaware of any other community-based local organizations within Lansing with the required bandwidth to implement, manage, and secure requisite resources required by the AP Lansing strategy to be sustained over multiple years; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this agreement are included within the secured Year 3 of the Advance Peace Lansing budget and will not exceed \$513,339; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Health Officer recommends that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorize entering into an agreement with MPHI for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$513,339, effective March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes entering into an agreement with MPHI for administrative support to operate the Lansing/Ingham Peacemaker Fellowship® in an amount not to exceed \$513,339, effective March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Agenda Item 3a

TO: Board of Commissioners Law & Courts and Finance Committees
FROM: Barb Davidson, 9-1-1 Director
DATE: January 3, 2024
SUBJECT: Renewal of ProQA Medical software licenses, services, and support from Priority Dispatch
For meeting agendas of Law & Courts on January 11, 2024, and Finance on January 17, 2024

BACKGROUND

We use the Priority Dispatch Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program called ProQA for processing all medical calls received at the 9-1-1 Center. We need to renew eight (8) system licenses and four (4) backup software licenses for use at our backup 9-1-1 Center. This quote and purchase include the purchase of these licenses, services, and support from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES

Use only the backup paper EMD card sets instead of using the software program which will be more difficult for our staff and slows down our processing of 9-1-1 medical calls.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The quoted cost of the licenses, service, and support as described above is \$12,600 which reflects less than a 1% increase from last year.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to authorize the renewal of ProQA Medical software licenses, service, and support from Priority Dispatch.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF PROQA MEDICAL SOFTWARE LICENSES
AND SUPPORT FROM PRIORITY DISPATCH FOR THE INGHAM COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners operates the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System through the Ingham County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners previously authorized the acquisition of Priority Dispatch's Emergency Medical Dispatch ProQA Program, under Resolution #14-081, and ProQA continues to be used for all medical calls received; and

WHEREAS, a quote for the renewal of eight (8) licenses and four (4) training licenses for ProQA Medical software licenses, service, and support for April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 has been provided by Priority Dispatch at a cost of \$12,600.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the renewal of ProQA Medical software licenses, service, and support for an amount not to exceed \$12,600 with Priority Dispatch, as outlined by the Proposal/Sales quotation, #Q-71507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes an appropriation of up to \$12,600 from 9-1-1 Fund for the total cost of this purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign a software services support agreement with Priority Dispatch consistent with this resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney.

Agenda Item 3b

TO: Board of Commissioners Law & Courts and Finance Committees
FROM: Barb Davidson, Director 9-1-1
DATE: January 3, 2024
SUBJECT: Renewal of Software Support/Services Agreement with Pace Scheduler for scheduling for the 9-1-1 Center

For the meeting agenda of the Law & Courts committee – January 11, 2024, and Finance committee – January 17, 2024

BACKGROUND

The Board approved the purchase of software and support of scheduling software from Pace Scheduler under Resolution #22-042 and the program was put in place. We have had a few issues come up as we worked through our first year, but Pace has been responsive. We renewed the contract in 2023 under Resolution #23-072 and continue to see improvements with the product.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives can be sought. We previously reviewed five different companies' programs and chose Pace. The 9-1-1 Center's schedule is complex and finding a company that can do everything needed has been difficult. We will continue to look but we believe Pace meets our needs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The yearly contract with Pace Scheduler includes service, training, support, and upgrades for a 12-month term running from March 7, 2024, to March 6, 2025, at a cost of \$4,800. This has been placed in the Center's budget as an ongoing annual cost. Pace Scheduler is also offering the option with a multi-year contract to freeze the rate of \$4,800 for an additional 12 months (March 7, 2025 to March 6, 2026). The payment of \$9,600 would be due upfront to lock in the no-increase rate.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution to renew our support and service agreement with Pace Scheduler for the next 2 years.

Introduced by the Law & Courts and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR SCHEDULING
SOFTWARE/SERVICES FOR THE 9-1-1 CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners operates the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch System through the Ingham County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County Board of Commissioners approved under Resolution #22-042 the purchase of software and services with Pace Scheduler in January of 2022 and the renewal of those services for 2023 with Resolution #23-072; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County 9-1-1 Center has been satisfied with the program and continued improvements being made; and

WHEREAS, the yearly contract with Pace Scheduler includes service, training, support, and upgrades for a 12-month term from March 7, 2024 to March 6, 2025, at a cost of \$4,800; and

WHEREAS, Pace Scheduler is offering an additional year of service, training, support, and upgrades at no increase in rate, \$4,800 for March 7, 2025 to March 6, 2026, when total payment is paid upfront; and

WHEREAS, the 9-1-1 Director is recommending that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners fund this request from the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch Services 9-1-1 fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of \$9,600 from the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Dispatch Services 9-1-1 fund for the costs associated with continuing to utilize Pace Scheduler Software and Services from March 7, 2024, to March 6, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign any necessary contract/Purchase Order documents consistent with this resolution and approved as to form by the County Attorney.