

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-292

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Mr. Ford, Mrs. McKenney, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE October 28, 2024 COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Summit**  
8 **Educational Service Center in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, from the Opiate**  
9 **Litigation settlement funds, to plan and implement school-based mental health**  
10 **programming and coordination of care in educational settings in the County of Summit, for**  
11 **the Executive, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council, and the Key Stakeholders Group,**  
12 **and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council  
15 authorized the Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement  
16 agreements, in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-  
17 2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of  
18 Ohio (the “Lawsuit”), resulting in an unprecedented amount of settlements; and

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20 WHEREAS, an Opiate Abatement Strategy was developed as a guiding document for  
21 expending settlement monies, and identified four pillars of focus: (1) treatment, (2) system and  
22 infrastructure, (3) harm reduction, and (4) education; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Executive convened the Key Stakeholders Group and the Opiate  
25 Abatement Advisory Council (“OAAC”) to help determine how to spend the opiate money to  
26 best serve the residents of the County; and

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28 WHEREAS, the OAAC made a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to receive proposals for  
29 school based wellness that would enable participating school districts to hire health coordinators  
30 to screen all students for mental and behavioral health concerns, coordinate care to appropriate  
31 partners, as well as make and track referrals in four school districts following the Ohio School  
32 Wellness Initiative’s Student Assistance Program model, aligned with the Opiate Abatement  
33 Strategy, Pillar #2 - System and Infrastructure; and

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35 WHEREAS, upon reviewing the proposals received, the OAAC determined and  
36 recommended that the County enter into a grant agreement with Summit Educational Service  
37 Center (“SESC”), for a one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00; and

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39 WHEREAS, funding will be distributed across four school districts in Summit County  
40 and to partners with current memorandums of understanding to provide appropriate wellness  
41 services; and

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43 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
44 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
45 execute a grant agreement with SESC for the aforementioned Project in an amount not to exceed  
46 \$750,000.00, for a one-year period, to be paid from settlement dollars received by the County in  
47 the Lawsuit;

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49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
50 of Ohio, that:

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with Summit  
7 Educational Service Center (“SESC”), for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, for a  
8 one-year period, to plan and implement school-based mental health programming and  
9 coordination of care in educational settings in the County of Summit (the “Project”) using funds  
10 from the settlements received in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation,  
11 Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court,  
12 Northern District of Ohio.

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14 SECTION 2

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16 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
17 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that the Executive  
18 wishes to immediately provide support to SESC through a grant to complete the Project.

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20 SECTION 3

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22 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
23 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
24 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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26 SECTION 4

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28 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
29 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
30 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
31 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
32 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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35 INTRODUCED October 28, 2024

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37 ADOPTED November 18, 2024

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39 *Monique Willis*  
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41 CLERK OF COUNCIL  
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43 APPROVED November 18, 2024

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45 *Gene Shapiro*  
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49 ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 19, 2024

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*Rita J. Darrow*  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
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Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,  
Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers,  
Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Walters, Wilhite