

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-010

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 6, 2025

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute amendments to grant agreements with the**
8 **Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Summa Hospital Foundation to provide additional**
9 **funding for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform, in an**
10 **amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 per foundation, for a total amount not to exceed**
11 **\$200,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, for the Executive, the Opiate Abatement Advisory**
12 **Council and the Key Stakeholders Group, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, subsequently, this Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-024, authorizing the Executive to execute a professional service contract with Unite USA, Inc. for a data sharing platform for a comprehensive solution for care coordination for individuals with substance use disorder, for a five-year term; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, this Council adopted Resolution Nos. 2023-298 and 2023-299, authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with Summa Hospital Foundation and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation respectively, for the expansion of emergency department treatment programs for individuals suffering from substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Department of Public Safety has worked with the hospital systems to onboard them to the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform; and

WHEREAS, there is an additional cost for hospital systems to onboard with Unite Us due to the integration of existing technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to provide additional funding to the Summa Hospital Foundation and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in order to allow the hospitals to incorporate the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will be paid for using settlement funds from the opioid Lawsuit; and

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WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to execute amendments to grant agreements with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Summa Hospital Foundation to provide additional funding for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 per hospital, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to be paid for from settlement dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit;

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

SECTION 1

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to grant agreements with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the Summa Hospital Foundation to provide additional funding for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 per foundation, for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any necessary related documents.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it immediately provides funding for additional care coordination and treatment to individuals with substance use disorder thus furthering the County's desire to abate the nuisance created by the proliferation of opioids.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

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Signed by: January 27, 2025
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Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,
McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite