

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-024

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 30, 2023

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract**  
8 **with Unite USA, Inc. (“Unite Us”) for a data sharing platform for a comprehensive solution**  
9 **for care coordination for individuals with substance use disorder, subject to ratification by**  
10 **the Information Technology Board, for a five-year term with the option to renew for an**  
11 **additional five-year term, for a total cost not to exceed \$5,325,000.00, for the Executive, the**  
12 **Opiate Abatement Advisory Council and the Key Stakeholders Group, and declaring an**  
13 **emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2019-332 and 2019-361, this Council authorized  
16 the Executive to settle any or all claims, and to execute any corresponding settlement agreements,  
17 in litigation titled In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, before  
18 Judge Dan Aaron Polster in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the  
19 “Lawsuit”), with any manufacturing or distributor Defendant, regardless of market share of the  
20 opioid market in Summit County and to additionally authorize settlement with any pharmacy  
21 Defendants; and

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23 WHEREAS, the County has received monies as a result of settlement of the Lawsuit; and

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

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

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33 WHEREAS, the OAAC made a Request for Proposals (RFP) available to receive proposals  
34 for a data sharing platform that would enable participant agencies to coordinate care, make and  
35 track referrals and collect data in order to assist participants in providing care to individuals with  
36 substance use disorder, aligned with the Opiate Abatement Strategy, Pillar #2 – System and  
37 Infrastructure; and

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39 WHEREAS, upon reviewing the proposals received the OAAC determined and  
40 recommended that the County enter into an agreement with Unite USA, Inc. (“Unite Us”) for a  
41 five-year term with the option to renew for an additional five-year term with an implementation  
42 cost of \$75,000.00, and an annual cost of \$525,000.00, for a total first five-year term cost of  
43 \$2,700,000.00; and the second five-year term cost of \$2,625,000.00; for a total cost not to exceed  
44 \$5,325,000.00; and

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46 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held January 25, 2023, awarded a  
47 professional service contract with Unite Us for a data sharing platform, subject to ratification by  
48 the Information Technology Board, for a five-year term with the option to renew for an additional  
49 five-year term, for a total cost not to exceed \$5,325,000.00, subject to confirmation by this Council;  
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4 WHEREAS, the Information Technology Board will review this purchase at its  
5 meeting to be held on February 16, 2023; and

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7 WHEREAS, the purchase of this platform will be paid for using settlement funds from the  
8 Lawsuit; and

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10 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
11 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
12 execute a professional service contract for the Unite Us platform for a five-year term with the  
13 option to renew for an additional five-year term; with an implementation cost of \$75,000.00, and  
14 an annual cost of \$525,000.00, for a total first five-year term cost of \$2,700,000.00; and the second  
15 five-year term cost of \$2,625,000.00; for a total cost not to exceed \$5,325,000.00, to be paid for  
16 from settlement dollars received by the County in the Lawsuit;

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

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21 SECTION 1

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23 The award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Unite USA, Inc.  
24 (“Unite Us”) platform for a five-year term with the option to renew for an additional five-year  
25 term with implementation cost of \$75,000, and annual cost of \$525,000, for a total first five-year  
26 term cost of \$2,700,000.00 and the second five-year term cost of \$2,625,000.00, for a total cost  
27 not to exceed \$5,325,000.00 to be paid for from settlement dollars received by the County in the  
28 Lawsuit is hereby confirmed, subject to the ratification of the Information Technology Board, and  
29 the Executive is hereby authorized to execute any necessary related documents.

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31 SECTION 2

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33 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
34 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it immediately  
35 provides for a platform whereby local agencies can provide care coordination and treatment to  
36 individuals with substance use disorder thus furthering the County’s desire to abate the nuisance  
37 created by the proliferation of opioids.

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39 SECTION 3

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

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45 SECTION 4

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47 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
48 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
49 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were  
50 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22  
51 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
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ADOPTED February 13, 2023

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

Victoria Sims  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED February 13, 2023

Steve Shapiro  
EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 13, 2023

Voice Vote - YES: 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite