

By Legislators Delehanty and LaMar

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2020

AMENDING 2020 MONROE COUNTY BUDGET AND RESOLUTION 399 OF 2019 TO AUTHORIZE EXPANSION OF FORENSIC INTERVENTION TEAM (FIT) PROGRAM BY INCREASING AND AMENDING CONTRACTS FOR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES IN 2020 FOR MONROE COUNTY OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Whereas, This Honorable Body expresses its sympathy to the family of Mr. Daniel Prude for their tragic loss; and

Whereas, This Honorable Body was shocked by the body-camera videos showing the events that led to the death of Mr. Daniel Prude and recognizes the need for wraparound mental health services with law enforcement; and

Whereas, According to the National Council for Behavioral Health, almost half of all adults in the United States will experience a mental illness during their lifetime; and

Whereas, Monroe County is not immune to the nation-wide mental health crisis; data from the Monroe County Office of Mental Health show yearly increases in individuals receiving mental health services with a 9-percent increase in total individuals served in 2019 compared to 2015; and

Whereas, As demonstrated by recent events, law enforcement response to a mental health crisis without the help of mental health professionals can sometimes exacerbate the situation and increase the likelihood of a negative result; and

Whereas, Mental Health America, the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness, advocates for alternative crisis response models such as the co-responder model, where trained police officers work together with behavioral health workers to respond to crisis calls and provide appropriate services and resources; and

Whereas, Monroe County has been at the forefront of the co-responder model through the Forensic Intervention Team (FIT), which partners Office of Mental Health clinicians with our County's eleven law enforcement agencies to assist individuals with mental health needs and who have frequent contact with law enforcement with the goal of increasing the individual's connectedness to outpatient services and decreasing the utilization of emergency and crisis response services; and

Whereas, This Honorable Body believes that allocating additional resources to expand the FIT program's reach is a starting point for addressing the ongoing crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to transfer \$100,000 from the Contingency Fund to make available sufficient appropriations for the expansion of the Forensic Intervention Team (FIT) Program.

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Section 2. The 2020 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health is hereby amended by appropriating the sum of \$100,000 into general fund 9001, funds center 5702010000, Mental Health Service Contract or the express purpose of expanding the Forensic Intervention Team (FIT) Program.

Section 3. Section 1 of Resolution 399 of 2019 is amended as follows:

The County Executive, or her his designee, is hereby authorized to execute contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the subcontractors listed in Attachment A, and any other subcontractors as necessary, to provide mental health, developmental disability, and alcoholism and substance abuse services for Monroe County residents, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$38,731,545~~ \$38,831,545, for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Section 4. It is hereby recommended that the County Executive conduct a review for any unanticipated revenues or unappropriated cash surpluses, and recommend to the County Legislature, additional appropriations to support the expansion of the Forensic Intervention Team (FIT) Program.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

File No. 20-0284
Matter of Urgency

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Added language is underlined
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