

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES) AND VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROJECT SAVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, statistics have shown a significant number of municipal court defendants suffer from drug and/or alcohol addiction, which has in large measure contributed to the defendant's commission of non-violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden and various County municipalities (the "Parties") have studied various measures available to respond to the substance abuse crisis and have worked with each of their police departments and municipal court officials to determine the best way to connect defendants suffering with addiction with information and options for assessment and/or treatment; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Parties determined that a cooperative approach to implement the Project SAVE program, a voluntary substance abuse treatment referral and intervention strategy for municipal court defendants arrested for non-violent crimes, would offer the Parties an effective and efficient means of providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the County authorized Shared Services Agreements with participating municipalities for a Project SAVE Program for a term of three years: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the benefits and successes of the Program, the Parties have determined to continue the Project SAVE program; and

WHEREAS, to continue with the Project SAVE program, the Parties have decided to enter into a Shared Services Agreement to authorize the County to procure a vendor on behalf of the Municipality for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the costs for the professional services performed pursuant to this agreement shall be paid by the County; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Agreement will be for a period of three (3) years, commencing on or about January 1, 2026 and terminating on December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq ("Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act") which permits two or more local units enter into an Agreement for any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that their mutual public purposes and their best interests will be promoted by the execution and delivery of this Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the powers conferred by the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of County Counsel; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Camden County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the proper County Officials to execute all documents necessary to effect Shared Services Agreements with all interested County municipalities for the Project SAVE Program for the term stated herein at no cost to the participating municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of County Counsel.

TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

Pamela Scott - Forman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Patrick Olivo
Mayor