ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4511

COUNCIL SPONSOR: DEAN/BRISTER PROVIDED BY: LEGAL DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO HOME RULE CHARTER SECTIONS 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 AND 3-09 FOR ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH NAMI ST. TAMMANY INC. AND THE 22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government acknowledges an over-representation of persons suffering from mental illness in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the 22nd Judicial District Court is willing to enhance and expand upon the mental health services offered to needy individuals who come before the Court; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government and the 22nd Judicial District Court have previously established a Behavioral Health Court program to serve as an alternative to incarceration for non-violent, less-serious offenders suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is willing and able to fund a Behavioral Health Court Case Manager to provide for mental health and/or substance abuse case management services to needy individuals who come before the Court; and

WHEREAS, NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax exempt corporation which is qualified to administer the services of a Case Manager to the 22nd Judicial District Court's Behavioral Health Court program; and

WHEREAS, the 22nd Judicial District Court is willing to work with a Case Manager to provide for behavioral health case management services to needy individuals who come before the Court.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish Government, through the Office of the Parish President, pursuant to Home Rule Charter sections 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 and 3-09 is authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, which meets or exceeds all of the requirements of Louisiana law and jurisprudence, with NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. and the 22nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, to provide funding for case management services for the Behavioral Health Court Program.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE $\underline{4}$ DAY OF $\underline{FEBRUARY}$, 2016, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTY DEAN, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Resolution Administrative Comment

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Parish seeks to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. and the 22nd Judicial District Court to provide funding for case management services for the Behavioral Health Court program. NAMI St. Tammany, Inc. shall provide a full-time case manager to the Behavioral Health Court with the goal of counseling up to thirty (30) participants in a calendar year. Parish shall provide funding by reimbursement for eligible costs associated with the case manager, including a salary and necessary administrative fees. Funding shall not exceed \$50,000 for the 2016 calendar year.