

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3103

COUNCIL SPONSOR: GOULD/DAVIS

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT/LEGAL

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ST. TAMMANY PARISH THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND/OR EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY AND ST. TAMMANY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Parish has experienced a steady and alarming spike in suicides over the past six (6) years. To reduce the incidents of suicide and ensure better safety for all, the Parish seeks to develop an effective working partnership between the first responders and the mental health system; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Community Health Center (STCHC) is capable of providing the services of a Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and support staff to treat mental health patients at their clinic located in St. Tammany Parish. Recognizing the increase of mental health issues in St. Tammany Parish, STCHC seeks to be part of the Crisis Response Program to optimize the collaboration between first responders and mental health systems to improve the care of persons with severe mental illness who are in crisis; and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has enacted a Public Health Tax. Funding several initiatives under suicide prevention falls squarely with the Public Health Tax Proposition. In order to address the lack of mental health resources for suicide risk in the Parish, the St. Tammany Parish Public Health Tax will be used to fund the STCHC Crisis Response Program. The Crisis Response Program will provide a stronger collaboration of skilled mental health professionals and first responders working together to better serve our community. Therefore, the Parish seeks to provide funding to the STCHC for providing early and assertive intervention services to reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts; and

WHEREAS, The Parish proposes to provide funding in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$ 100,000.00) for a period of twelve (12) months to STCHC to fund the services of a Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and support staff to treat mental health patients at their clinic located in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is authorized pursuant to Article VII Section 14 (C) of the Louisiana State Constitution which authorizes governmental entities to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Parish President is hereby authorized to sign and/or execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. Tammany Parish and St. Tammany Community Health Center (STCHC) in furtherance of the objectives stated above; and

THAT all acts previously taken by the Office of the Parish President in furtherance of the actions or agreements contemplated herein are hereby ratified and approved.

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

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5 DAY OF May, 2011, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK