

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the West Orange Police Department (the “WOPD”) applied for a grant from the United State Department of Justice (the “DOJ”) Office of Justice Programs (the “OJP”) for funding to create and implement a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (“JMHCP”) after cooperation with RWJ Barnabas (“RWJ”) and the Psychiatric Emergency Services at Clara Maass (“Clara Maass”), a subsidiary of RWJ; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the JMHCP is to review and improve the procedures and protocols for interactions between law enforcement officials and individuals with mental illness (“MI”) and/or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (“CMISA”); and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2018, the OJP notified the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) that it had approved the grant award in the amount of \$100,000 for the Township to proceed with the creation and implementation the JMHCP Program; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the award report from the OJP is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A;” and

WHEREAS, the OJP requires that the Township and RWJ enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to affirm the respective parties’ commitment to create and implement the JMHCP; and

WHEREAS, the Township and RWJ through Clara Maass have negotiated a proposed Memorandum of Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit “B,” based on the overview of the JMHCP included in the application to the OJP which is reference and annexed as an exhibit to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that the Township of West Orange be and is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit “B;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit “**B**” and the Municipal Clerk is authorized to attest to the Mayor’s signature.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Jerry Guarino
Council President

Adopted: June 25, 2019