

RESOLUTION R037-2021

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE WOUNDED HEALER, INC. d/b/a MY FRIEND'S HOUSE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY ROAD TO RECOVERY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR

WHEREAS, studies have shown that a significant number of individuals charged with municipal court offenses suffer from drug and/or alcohol addiction which in turn has contributed to the commission of non-violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington is interested in providing and implementing a program to respond to drug and/or alcohol addiction in conjunction with the Washington Township Police Department and its municipal court officials in an effort to provide persons charged with the commission of non-violent crimes in municipal court with substance abuse counseling as more particularly set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Prosecutor has issued GCPO Directive 2019-2 entitled "Road to Recovery Program" ("RTR Program") which has the following two major Components:

1. Individuals seeking voluntary assistance directly from the Township Police Department for heroin and opiate abuse; and
2. A municipal court intervention program for eligible defendants who have been charged with eligible non-violent offenses in municipal court.

WHEREAS, Drug Counselor has agreed to the RTR Program; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the services to be provided by the Drug Counselor shall be paid through the individuals and municipal court defendant's insurance, all fee for service enhancements offered through the State of New Jersey and Medicaid, but not by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Counselor is licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey and maintains an office located at 371 Glassboro Road, Woodbury Heights, New Jersey 08097; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been approved by the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey Superior Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that it hereby authorizes and approves The Wounded Healer, Inc. d/b/a is My Friend's House as the Drug Counselor for the Washington Township's Road to Recovery Program for the year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Township of Washington is authorized to sign an Agreement between the Township and The Wounded Healer, Inc. d/b/a My Friend's House and otherwise implement the provisions of this Resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: 
 Sean Longfellow, Council President

I, Christine Ciallella, do certify this to be a true copy of Resolution **R037-2021** adopted by the Township of Washington, Gloucester County, at the regular meeting held on January 4, 2021 and shall take effect immediately.

By: 
 Christine Ciallella, RMC
 Township Clerk

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
DellaPia			✓				
Williams	✓		✓				
Bennett			✓				
Dougherty		✓	✓				
Longfellow			✓				