

RESOLUTION R:306-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE COPE PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is authorized by the “Shared Services Act,” N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq. to enter into any contract with joint provision of any service which any party to the agreement is authorized to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe recognizes the need to provide residents of the Township with appropriate cost savings measures and opportunities for the benefit of all residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Township and the Monroe Township Police Department seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding (“Memorandum of Understanding”) with Acenda, Inc., effective on or about May of 2023 until on or about June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said Memorandum of Understanding sets out to implement a program to respond to behavioral health crisis calls for service made to 9-1-1 in county (“The Program”); and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, Gloucester County sought proposals from qualified 501(C)(3) agencies to provide additional staff to the Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services (“PESS”) program, pursuant to Request For Proposal (“RFP”) #22-055; and

WHEREAS, Gloucester County has entered in a Shared Services Agreement on September 7, 2022, awarding Acenda, Inc. with RFP #22-055, pursuant to the terms and provisions of N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Acenda Program has a proven track record of providing effective and comprehensive mental health services to communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council and the Mayor have identified a need within the Township to implement The Program due to the need to address mental health crisis within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council recognizes the importance of promoting mental wellness and providing resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council and the Mayor seek to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, to permit the Township Council and the Police Department to participate in The Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Council seeks to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Acenda, Inc. to provide mental health crisis prevention services, effective on or about May of 2023 until on or about June 30, 2024.

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ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on December 11, 2023.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES. CAROLANN FOX

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 11th day of December 2023 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				