

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution regarding meeting the needs of Hunterdon County to provide shelter care services for juveniles involved with the Family Court.

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, desirous of continuing to meet its obligation to address the shelter care needs of Hunterdon juveniles, and provide a safe, home like, cost effective environment for youth involved with the Family Court, have entered into an agreement with the County Of Morris to accept our juveniles in need of Shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, the philosophy of the New Jersey Children's System of Care is to provide services to strengthen and support families so that children remain in the home. In addition, the development of a continuum of care for children at risk, and improvement in community resources over the last few years, has greatly lessened the need to place children out of home; and


**WHEREAS**, should linkages with community resources fail and it is determined a juvenile is in need of out of home placement, Hunterdon County will have access to Shelter Care through an agreement with Morris County, and/or other neighboring Not for Profit Shelter Care services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey, that:

- The improvements in the availability of resources to serve families in their own home, and the lack of referrals has made maintaining a Youth Shelter Facility in Hunterdon County fiscally imprudent; and
- As appropriate quality Shelter Care Services are available in contiguous Counties; and
- The County Department of Human Services, and its Juvenile Justice Planner will provide oversight and monitor daily census of all out-of-County youth shelter placements; serve as liaison between the Hunterdon Family Court, Family Crisis Intervention Unit and out - of-County host youth shelters, and facilitate the development of memorandums of understanding between the parties listed above; and
- The Hunterdon County Finance Department will be responsible for addressing all appropriate financial cost associated with out of County shelter placements; and
- The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders dissolves the Division of Youth Services in the Department of Public Safety, as of July 1, 2010.

ROLL CALL	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
William G. Mennen, Director			X			
J. Matthew Holt, Deputy Director	X		X			
George B. Melick, Freeholder			X			
Ronald M. Sworen, Freeholder			X			
Robert G. Walton, Freeholder		X	X			

Adopted June 15, 2010

  
Denise B. Doolan, CLERK