COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE BALDWIN HOUSING COMMISSION

This agreement is made and entered into between the Baldwin Housing Commission and the Lake County Department of Human Services.

Whereas, the PHA, (Public Housing Authority), and the PSA, (Public Service Agency), recognize the significant overlap in the population receiving public assistance and public housing or section 8 assistance;

Whereas, the PHA and the PSA recognize that these families have the potential to succeed and become economically self-sufficient, where adequate supportive services are provided;

Whereas, the PHA and PSA recognize that coordinated efforts between the two parties are in the best interest of all parties concerned. The coordinated efforts are aimed at:

1. Jointly assisting these families in becoming economically self-sufficient
2. Keeping efforts between agencies from being duplicated
3. And so that the strengths of both the PHA and the PSA can be used to benefit all families involved

Whereas, the PHA and PSA recognize the need for a streamlined process to collect, verify and provide information as necessary to either party, in a timely manner, to ensure efficient delivery of service and to detect and deter participant fraud and program noncompliance. This information includes, but is not limited to:

1. Income
2. Eligibility
3. Home ownership and/or rental status and history
4. Criminal history
5. Previous, current, and prospective employment
6. Personal history, including household members, and all pertinent information pertaining to said household members
7. Sanctioning of benefits
8. Participant noncompliance

All information must be consistent with Michigan and Federal Laws. This information will be used to coordinate and streamline the delivery of services to joint recipients of assistance. This will include coordination of resources and program activities, identification of eligible participants, and coordination & verification of information to determine program eligibility and compliance.

Whereas, both parties herein fully understand and agree to the roles and responsibilities outlined in this agreement.

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