



## Legislation Text

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Resolution Authorizing Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) Charter 2012 Statement of Commitment and Authorization of Funding Appropriation (\$10,000.00) **(8 Vote Votes Required)**

Prepared by: Washtenaw County Health Initiative

Sponsored by: Mayor John Hieftje and Councilmember Sabra Briere

Whereas, The Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) is a voluntary, county-wide collaboration of local leaders focused on how to make health care more accessible and improve care coordination for the low-income, uninsured, and Medicaid populations in Washtenaw County by identifying and, where possible, addressing gaps;

Whereas, The Initiative is focused both on today and preparing for 2014, when provisions of federal health care reform are expected to go into effect;

Whereas, Pursuing voluntary charter membership in the WHI is closely related to previous City efforts;

Whereas, There are an estimated 958 Ann Arbor City residents eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled;

Whereas, It is advantageous for the City to become a voluntary member at this time to participate with a group on the forefront of recognizing and attempting to address current gaps that exist in the health care system, and as a way to participate with an organization committed to analyzing changes that will occur in the County as many provisions of federal health care reform take effect;

Whereas, A membership fee of \$10,000.00 in FY13 will be funded through the Office of Community Development and funding for a membership of \$10,000.00 will be considered for FY14;

Whereas, Additional funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 needs to be appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of Community Development's FY13 budget for this membership fee;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council hereby approve the Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) Charter 2012 Statement of Commitment and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor to sign the Charter, making the City of Ann Arbor a Voluntary Charter Member of the Washtenaw Health Initiative;

RESOLVED, That the Office of Community Development's FY13 expenditure budget be amended to increase \$10,000.00 to be funded from the General Fund fund balance; and

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council hereby approve a membership fee expenditure of \$10,000.00 in FY13 and funding for this membership be considered for FY14.