

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 15

Resolution No. 36-21

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, July 6, 2021

1 RESOLUTION in support of the County Executive of Anne Arundel County promptly
2 entering into an agreement with Robert A. Pascal Youth and Family Services, Inc. to lease
3 and make fully available County owned property located at 41 Community Place in
4 Crownsville, Maryland

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6 WHEREAS, Robert A. Pascal Youth and Family Services Inc. (“Pascal”), named
7 after former County Executive Robert A. Pascal has operated a wide range of
8 behavioral health services for children, families and adults in Anne Arundel County
9 for more than 35 years; and

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11 WHEREAS, in April 2017, the Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center opened at 107
12 Circle Drive, Crownsville in order to expand service to Anne Arundel County
13 residents; and

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15 WHEREAS, in June 2019, Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman
16 approved a 3 year lease for the Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center to move into 43
17 Community Place, then a vacant building owned by Anne Arundel County in
18 Crownsville, Maryland; and

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20 WHEREAS, from June 2019 through September 2019, Pascal invested more than
21 \$700,000 in renovations including over 291 gallons of paint, new bathroom
22 facilities, 12,500 square feet of new flooring, new furniture, upgraded plumbing,
23 electrical, and installation of a new fire alarm system with fire suppression
24 sprinklers, a comprehensive security system, and many other additional upgrades
25 to bring the building up to current code requirements in order to provide a safe
26 environment for staff and patients; and

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28 WHEREAS, Pascal officially opened its doors to the public on September 6, 2019;
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31 WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021 Pascal received a 15 year lease voted on unanimously
32 by the Anne Arundel County Council and approved by County Executive Steuart
33 Pittman; and

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35 WHEREAS, 41 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland has been mostly vacant
36 except for storage of county possessions; and

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38 WHEREAS, The Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center has asked the Anne Arundel
39 County government to allow it to also lease and restore and renovate 41 Community

1 Place, to expand critically important services from their current building location
2 at 43 Community Place; and

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4 WHEREAS, Pascal currently has only 1 bedroom on its first floor at 43 Community
5 place and cannot serve more than one person at a time with mobility or physical
6 disabilities that require accessibility devices, and to date has turned away a patient
7 for this reason; and

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9 WHEREAS, the vacant 41 Community Place building has an elevator, which is
10 critically important and would allow Pascal to expand services to more physically
11 disabled residents; and

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13 WHEREAS, 41 Community Place has an extensive amount of square footage
14 which could substantially increase the number of patients for which Pascal could
15 provide services for; and

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17 WHEREAS, The Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center is the largest behavioral health
18 provider of Crisis Stabilization Services in Anne Arundel County and has the
19 expertise, strong commitment to the community, capability and desire to expand
20 services into 41 Community Place, Crownsville; and

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22 WHEREAS, a lease of 41 Community Place to Pascal would make possible the
23 expansion of its Residential Crisis Services bed capacity, Withdrawal Management
24 services in a designated, separate wing, potential increased walk-in capacity,
25 increase State Opioid Response (SOR) bed capacity, 3.1 services, and provide
26 increased care coordination and supported employment for a much larger number
27 of Anne Arundel County citizens in need of behavioral health services; and

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29 WHEREAS, the geographical location is ideally suited for persons in need of
30 behavioral health services, giving privacy and seclusion to clientele who may
31 exhibit troubling behavior when transported to Pascal by law enforcement, Health
32 Department staff or Crisis Response Team; and

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34 WHEREAS, 41 Community Place would need far less renovation than the building
35 Pascal currently occupies required which was 16,000 square feet of space,
36 renovated in just under 100 days; and

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38 WHEREAS. Pascal's experience in renovating 43 Community Place would
39 translate to a nearly immediate increase in access to behavioral health services for
40 those in need in our community; and

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42 WHEREAS, Pascal is CARF accredited and in its currently occupied, adjacent
43 building at 43 Community Place, Pascal holds licensure to provide 16 Residential
44 Crisis Services beds, 20 State Opioid Response (SOR) beds, an Outpatient Mental
45 Health Center, Withdrawal Management services, Intensive Outpatient Program
46 (IOP), 3.1, and care coordination services; and

1 WHEREAS, Pascal is a model for quality of services, and its program innovation
2 and care coordination are vital for the community during the current opioid
3 epidemic; and
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5 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County needs more access to behavioral health and
6 opioid services, as well as more SOR beds; and
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8 WHEREAS, Pascal is a provider that works directly with the Crisis Response
9 System in order to provide services to those in immediate need and in a state of
10 crisis; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Health Department requested that Pascal's agency increase
13 Pascal's number of State Opioid Response beds from 10 to 20 in the past, and
14 Pascal has also increased the number of "resolution beds", which varies each day,
15 for the Crisis Response System as well in order to accommodate the growing need
16 for behavioral health beds and to utilize the building to the maximum capacity
17 possible; and
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19 WHEREAS, Pascal can enhance Walk-In crisis services and expand client care
20 coordination effort as a result of utilizing the additional space of 41 Community
21 Place and provide specific office space for mobile crisis staff and peers of the
22 Health Department dropping off clients for enhanced Care Coordination; and
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24 WHEREAS, The Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center is the only provider offering
25 both licensed behavioral health (mental health) Residential Crisis Services beds and
26 SOR grant substance use disorder Crisis Stabilization Services beds, Resolution
27 beds, medication management with immediate MAT services onsite 24/7,
28 withdrawal maintenance, suboxone maintenance, care coordination, transportation
29 for clients, an Outpatient Mental Health Clinic, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)
30 and 3.1 Low Intensity Residential in one large, comprehensive location; and
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32 WHEREAS, Pascal has exhibited ability as a steadfast agency that provides
33 comprehensive behavioral health crisis services adaptive to the ever-changing
34 needs of the county; and
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36 WHEREAS, a relatively unused and vacant county building would provide the
37 space for life saving care and treatment for those struggling with mental health
38 disorders and addiction, if leased to Pascal; and
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40 WHEREAS, former County Executive Robert A. Pascal's commitment to Anne
41 Arundel County continues with the establishment of the Pascal Crisis Stabilization
42 Center, an expansion of critically needed behavioral health services into the
43 adjacent building of 41 Community Place furthers and enhances his legacy of
44 service in Anne Arundel County and honors his contribution to the citizens of Anne
45 Arundel County in the future, now, therefore, be it
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47 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the County*
48 *Executive of Anne Arundel County promptly and forthwith lease and make fully available*

1 to the Pascal Crisis Stabilization Center the use of the building known as 41 Community
2 Place, Crownsville, Anne Arundel County, Maryland; and be it further

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4 *Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to County Executive Steuart Pittman
5 and Dr. Kalyanaraman, Administrator of the Anne Arundel County Department of Health.