



**Item:**

Data System Solutions (Bonnie Wagner)

**Requested Action:**

The Board is asked to approve the purchase, implementation, and continued use of SAMIS.

**Background:**

The Trust is seeking to implement an integrated online data management software solution to improve our efficiencies and strengthen our business functions. Staff recommends an online portal for the Trust and its providers to more efficiently manage and track our work together. This system would integrate key business functions including – Grants/Applications, Budget/Fiscal, Contract Management, and Programmatic/Evaluation.

Specifically, staff recommends, the Trust enter an agreement with Webauthor and the Florida Alliance for Children's Councils & Trusts (FACCT) for SAMIS and the Flex Enterprise Software modules. SAMIS is an integrated online information management system currently used by eight (8) children's services councils and their local funding partners across the state of Florida to manage provider grants and track data. Being part of the SAMIS collaborative will allow us to share costs and build off of existing knowledge and functionality already established. Staff has spoken with other CSCs about their experiences in using SAMIS all of whom reported favorably on the utility and flexibility of the system and responsiveness of the vendor. In vetting other software products, none offered the range of integrated functionality at a comparable cost.

**Attachments:**

Data System Solutions – Board Presentation on 03-20-2023

**Programmatic Impact:**

Programs would be introduced to the new system for the 2024 fiscal year. All providers will receive an invitation to participate in user acceptance testing to provide feedback. All provider staff who will be data system users will receive training on how to use the system.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$30,500 prorated and initial implementation cost for FY2023

\$60,000 approximate annual cost for FY2024

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Board approve Resolution #2023-01 authorizing the Executive Director into an agreement with Webauthor and the Florida Alliance of Children's Councils and Trusts (FACCT) for the purchase, implementation, and use of SAMIS platform.