

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Barbara Rogers, Mark Mudry, Blake Mulder, Jeanne Pearl-Wright and Dairus Reynnet

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Tim Barnes

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Christie Harry (Housing Services Mid-Michigan), Tammy Lemmer (Tri-County Office on Aging) and John Fuentes

The November 1, 2021 regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson Mott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Reynnet moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that a vacancy remains in one of the County's seats on the Tri-County Office on Aging Advisory Council.

Christie Harry, Executive Director, Housing Services Mid-Michigan was present to provide an update on the issue of homelessness in Eaton County. In the last year, the agency provided assistance to approximately 160 households meeting the HUD definition of homeless. During the same time-frame, the agency provided financial assistance through the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program to approximately 780 households in the amount of approximately \$4.3 million. Discussion held. It was also reported that an estimated 20% of landlords are unwilling to participate in the CERA program. In this circumstance, the assistance can be paid to the tenant to be used for rental payments. Further discussion held.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of a resolution recognizing the third week of November annually, as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Reynnet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

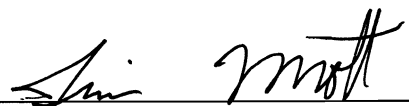
Tammy Lemmer, Tri-County Office on Aging, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. It was reported that in the last year the agency has experienced a 20% increase in the

number of calls for information and support services. It was also reported that the home delivered meal service had returned to the traditional 5-day per week schedule, with an optional alternative once weekly schedule. It was also reported that the Delta Township congregate meal location has re-opened.

Ms. Lemmer also discussed the services provided by the agency's Community Resource Navigators, providing consultation and assistance, as needed for programs including the CERA discussed earlier and the State's Emergency Relief Program (SER). The agency's Friendly Reassurance, voluntary call and check-in program was also discussed.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 9:00am in the Board of Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.



Jim Mott, Chairperson