

# EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEMBERS

Tim Barnes  
Blake Mulder  
Terrance Augustine  
Brandon Haskell  
Jeanne Pearl-Wright  
Jane Whitacre  
Mark J. Mudry  
Joseph Brehler



## MEMBERS

Brian Droscha  
Dairus Reynnet  
Wayne Ridge  
Brian Lautzenheiser  
Jim Mott  
Jeremy Whittum  
Barbara Rogers

1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813

## EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, 9:00 A.M.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CHARLOTTE

## AGENDA

---

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Additions and Changes.
4. Approval of November 1, 2021 Minutes.
5. Limited Public Comment.
6. Resolution to Condemn Federal Vaccine & Testing Mandates.
7. Miscellaneous
  - TCOA Advisory Council Appointment
8. Limited Public Comment.

*A quorum of the Board of Commissioners may be present at this meeting.*

## 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

## **EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Resolution To Condemn Federal Vaccine & Testing Mandates**

Submitted by Commissioners Reynnet, Droscha, and Mulder on behalf of the Eaton County Republican Women Alliance, December 17, 2021

Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_

A resolution to condemn President Joe Biden's decision to impose vaccine requirements on private and public employers and healthcare facilities receiving funds from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and urge the Governor and Attorney General of Michigan to pursue all available avenues to challenge these unlawful mandates.

Whereas, On September 9, 2021, President Biden announced his administration's plan to impose strict COVID-19 vaccine requirements on private businesses. Effective January 4, 2022, employers with over 100 employees will be required to ensure employees are vaccinated or impose burdensome weekly testing regimens; and

Whereas, On November 5, 2021, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also issued a federal vaccine mandate for staff within all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facilities including nursing homes, hospitals, dialysis facilities, ambulatory surgical settings, and home health agencies, among others, as a condition for participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as, federal contractors, and the majority of federal workers; and

Whereas, These requirements are capricious and arbitrary, infringing on Americans' civil liberties. Health care decisions, including whether or not to get vaccinated, are deeply personal and should not be subject to governmental edicts that cannot account for unique, individual medical needs; and

Whereas, The vaccine requirement will impact two-thirds of the nation's private sector workforce. Imposing sanctions, such as lost employment, on the most economically vulnerable is unnecessarily cruel; and

Whereas, federal overreach will exacerbate supply chain shortages; interrupt manufacturing production; risk destabilizing our critical water, sewer, and energy infrastructure; put additional life-threatening pressure on our health care industry; cause interruption in our education system; and cause additional labor shortages across all industries; and

Whereas, employers are already experiencing significant resource and workforce shortages that will only be made worse by adding additional requirements that limit the number of workers available; and

Whereas, To date, at least 27 states have filed legal challenges or expressly stated an intention to push back against this type of federal government overreach. Resistance to the federal mandate by state leaders has been bipartisan, as three

states with Democrat governors – Kansas, Kentucky, and Louisiana – have joined the lawsuits. However, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel have thus far acquiesced to President Biden’s intrusion upon our state’s sovereignty and policymaking process; and

Whereas, on September 7, 2021, the administrator of the Eaton County Healing and Recovery center, Martha Richard, stated during her Semi-Annual Update that the vaccine mandate would further exacerbate staffing shortage:

Whereas, on November 6, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit placed a hold on President Biden’s vaccine mandate; and

Whereas, on November 12, 2021, the U.S Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, further affirmed, it’s hold on the vaccine mandate; and

Whereas, on November 29, 2021, The US District Court of Missouri ruled against implementation and enforcement of CMS vaccine mandates;

Whereas, On November 30, 2021, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction to halt implementation of the President’s mandate for health care workers, which had been set to being this week.

Whereas, on December 2, 2021, the President clearly articulated that his policy goals for the business and medical communities has not changed or evolved in light of the afore mentioned judicial action. While announcing his Winter Covid 19 plan, President Biden stated he believes that “ all Americans can rally around” this plan and stated that the plan, including vaccine mandates, "should get bipartisan support.”, and left ALL of the afore mentioned vaccine mandates in place, with implementation pending judicial review; now here by, be it

Resolved by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, That we, on behalf of the citizens of Eaton County, condemn President Biden's decision to impose vaccine requirements on both public and private employers; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel to join those leaders who have filed suit to protect the interests of their states and their citizens and pursue all available avenues to challenge President Biden's unlawful mandate; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Michigan Attorney General, and the commissioners of the other Michigan counties.

AYES:  
NAYS:

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners at its meeting held on December 15, 2021, and that notice of such meeting was given as provided by law. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Eaton County Clerk

**Juvenile Justice Budget 2021-2022**  
**2021 Grant Application - Budget (Revised)**

**Project Title:** Shared Housing Intervention Program  
**Applicant Organization:** Housing Services Mid Michigan  
**Contact Name:** Christie Harry

**Phone:** 517-541-1180

**PROJECT BUDGET**

| Line Item                         | Description/formula used:                                                      | JJ funding request | Secured Other Funding | Project Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Salary/wages                      | case management 1.5 FTE plus benefits                                          | 21,000.00          | 32,205.00             | 53,205.00     |
| Travel/Mileage                    | .55 per mile 980 miles per year for unit inspections x1.5                      |                    | 809.00                | 809.00        |
| Copying/Printing                  |                                                                                | 300.00             | 175.00                | 475.00        |
| Project Supplies (describe)       | Paper, files,                                                                  | 300.00             | 500.00                | 800.00        |
| Administrative/Overhead           | Cost of administering the program: phone, internet, space, etc.                | 1,400.00           | 3,000.00              | 4,400.00      |
|                                   |                                                                                |                    |                       | -             |
| <b>OTHER COSTS (please list):</b> |                                                                                |                    |                       |               |
| direct financial assistance funds | funds paid directly to landlords and/or utility companies to prevent evictions | 7,000.00           | 35,000.00             | 42,000.00     |
| misc client supports              | gas cards, bus tokens, ID's and birth certs                                    |                    |                       | -             |
| marketing & communications        | printing, cell phone, website, social media                                    |                    |                       | -             |
|                                   |                                                                                |                    |                       | -             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                     |                                                                                | 30,000.00          | 71,689.00             | 101,689.00    |
|                                   | <b>Percentage of Project Costs</b>                                             | 29.50%             | 70.50%                | 100.00%       |