

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Long (Tri-County Office on Aging), Christine Harry (Housing Services Mid-Michigan) and John Fuentes

The November 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:03 am by Chairperson Mott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Reynnet requested to addition of a resolution urging the legislature to amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act.

Commissioner Reynnet moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Reynnet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kate Long, Tri-County Office on Aging, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. An update was provided on organizational changes with the retirement of Executive Director Owen. Andrea Radel was promoted to the position after an executive search. Program and service data for county residents was discussed. The continued need for volunteers, particularly for the Meals on Wheels program, was also discussed. There was also discussion regarding the inflationary increases affecting the cost of the Meals on Wheels program and food availability for the senior population.

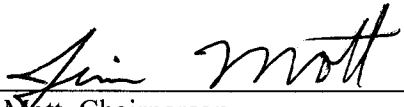
Christy Harry, Housing Services Mid-Michigan, was present to provide an update on the issue of homelessness in the county and highlight November as Homeless Awareness Month. It was reported that approximately \$11 million in Covid Emergency Rental Assistance provided relief to 2500 households in the county. The program expired in September 2022, and an increase in the number of evictions is already occurring. The agency continues to provide eviction prevention services, however it was reported that cases are becoming more extreme in terms of the financial liabilities. Rental rate increases are also affecting the availability of Section 8 housing. It was also reported that there have been increases in numbers of street homeless, and 24% of the homeless population in the county are children 17 and under. There was also discussion regarding the availability of shelter facilities and beds, with the most significant shortage for the single male homeless. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mudry moved to recommend the re-appointment of Adam Matson to a three-year term expiring December 31, 2025 on the Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Board, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission Reynnet introduced and moved a resolution urging the legislature to amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act related to the home health care reimbursements caps it includes. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:39am.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 9:00am in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Jim Mott, Chairperson