The Health and Human Services Committee met in a virtual session on May 4, 2020, as permitted by Executive Order 2020-48.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Pearl-Wright.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Deavers moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Colette Scrimger, Health Officer, Barry-Eaton District Health Department, was present to provide an update on the agency’s ongoing response to the current coronavirus pandemic. Infection, recovery and fatality statistics for the County were provided. Discussion held.

Dani Meier, Chief Clinical Officer, Mid-State Health Network (MSHN), was present to provide an update on substance use disorder (SUD) services in the County. It was reported that as a result of the closure of Eaton Behavioral Health, MSHN initially implemented a mobile SUD services unit to serve County residents, stationed in Charlotte. The operation of the mobile unit was significantly interrupted by the pandemic situation. The agency has been in the process of identifying a contract vendor for SUD treatment services from a physical location in the County. A contract is scheduled to be considered for approval by the MSHN Board with Samaritis to be located at 128 S. Cochran, Charlotte. Discussion held regarding the capacity for services and the outreach and communication with the clients previously served by Eaton Behavioral Health.

Martha Richard, Health and Recovery Center Administrator, was present to provide the agency’s semi-annual report. The report focused on the agency’s response to the coronavirus pandemic and measures taken to protect its long-term care residents. Discussion held.

A communication was received from Scott Struck, program coordinator for the Community Mental Health – TIP mental health services program outlining changes to the program to
continue to provide services during the ongoing pandemic and cancellation of in-person instruction for the remainder of the school academic year. Discussion held.

A program report from the College Access Network, juvenile millage funded program was distributed and discussed. Outreach and engagement services continued and were modified and adapted as a result of the ongoing pandemic.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2020.

[Signature]
Joanne Pearl-Wright, Chairperson
4/21/20

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RE: Temporary Revision to the CEI-CMH TIP Program in response to the COVID-19 Crisis

Dear John:

I am writing to update you and the members of the Eaton County Health and Human Services Subcommittee regarding the current status of the Truancy Intervention Program operated by CEI-CMH with funding from the Eaton County Juvenile Justice Millage. As you are certainly aware, with schools now being closed through the remainder of this school year, and the Eaton County Juvenile Court temporarily reducing oversight of youth and families addressing school attendance and truancy issues, I am anticipating that the number of persons served by the TIP Program may be reduced as a result. As you are also likely aware, mental health services are deemed essential under Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-33, also known as the “Stay at Home Order.” As a result, our staff have shifted to a video and/or phone based method of delivering telephonic mental health services. This new way of delivering services has proven somewhat challenging for some families, yet has been embraced surprisingly well by the vast majority of persons served through the TIP Program.

Although Summer is typically a time when the frequency of services through TIP generally slows, we are anticipating that such a decrease may likely occur earlier this year due to the premature closure of schools. In discussing this situation with ERESA administration, it has become apparent that many ERESA Behavioral Health staff are noting that a number of students are experiencing mental health issues or concerns stemming from instruction now being delivered through on-line and/or study from home instructional methodologies. Although these students are not under Court supervision per se, it appears that such students are at risk of falling behind in their classes and may in fact end up far behind their peers at the start of the 2020/2021 school year. It appears that there is an emerging need for prevention services in this regard, so that such challenges do not become more significant.

As a result of this situation, I am recommending a slight shift in the focus of the TIP Mental Health Program. I would like to recommend that we open telephonic and video-based TIP services to Eaton County students who are identified by ERESA Behavioral Health Consultants, and then who are screened by Harriet Dean, our TIP Liaison. ECCC TIP staff will then either begin treatment directly themselves, or triage the referral to a higher or lower level of care within the existing CEI-CMH Families Forward Program. In addition, we would like to offer an end of Summer workshop for at-risk students to prepare them for the 2020/2021 school year. The curriculum for this workshop will focus on emotional regulation, effective responses to bullying, communication skills, and organizational/planning tips.
One last thought for the Health and Human Services Subcommittee is that allowing this slight shift in focus will preserve the employment of TIP staff who are certainly needed to address the mounting fears and mental health concerns of Eaton County students.

Please feel free to contact me at 517/543-5100 should you wish to discuss the details of this request or require further information. Thank you in advance for your consideration as well as your ongoing collaboration with CEI-CMHA.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Struck, Ph.D., LP
ECCE Supervisor
The Capital Area College Access Network (CapCAN) mission is to increase the college attainment rate of citizens particularly those who are low-income, first generation, and students of color from Eaton and Ingham counties. This is accomplished through a community collaborative network dedicated to developing a college going culture and school-based support for college readiness, participation and completion. Eaton stakeholders, including Lisa Deavers, County Commissioner, joined the CapCAN Board of Directors in May of 2018 to collaborate and leverage resources across the region, and scale into the Eaton RESA service area for the 2019-20 school year.

Despite ending the school year under the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been able to continue to support students as they transition after high school.

CapCAN is grateful for the support of the Eaton County Commission to prevent juvenile crime and recidivism.

**Program Description**

CapCAN works among our network of high-quality strategic alliances in business, education, community and civic organizations in the region to build the college access infrastructure and systems necessary to support Eaton children and families through the postsecondary process to achieve degree attainment. CapCAN’s focus on post-secondary attainment is directly aligned with the focus on prevention, basic needs and economic development of Eaton County youth by enhancing their educational and economic opportunities. Services were provided during 2019-20 school year.

CapCAN provides a wide-array of college and career navigation services to youth in Eaton County to prevent juvenile crime and recidivism, and support college attainment and talent development. CapCAN has supported a team of three college advisors at Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Maple Valley, Relevant Academy, and Eaton RESA Career Center to assist juniors and seniors to:

- Create a college-going culture
- Provide college navigation including college planning, FAFSA financial aid and scholarship completion, and
- Implement an array of events including college tours, fairs, and knowledge seminars.

**Intended Outcomes:**

1. Increase the percentage of high school graduates who enroll in post-secondary educational institutions or credentialing program within one year of graduation.
2. Increase college advising capacity in area high schools to create a college going culture.
3. Raise awareness of the community about programs and services that will increase college readiness, participation, and completion.
4. Reduce the number of young adults, age 16 to 24, who are disconnected from work and school.
5. Increase financial readiness and capacity of rural residents to pursue post-secondary education.

**Objective 1:** Increase FAFSA completion and reduce verification

**Objective 2:** Increase utilization of the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) by rural low-income students

CapCAN’s School Liaison/Program Manager, Ashley Justice, supports the three college advisers in four high schools: Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Maple Valley, and Relevant Academy. She provides direct college access support including college and career workshops, application assistance, and FAFSA completion for Grand Ledge and Potterville High Schools, and the Eaton RESA Career Center. She coordinated the 2nd career-focused college fair in Eaton County for nearly over 400 juniors and seniors at Lansing Community College West Campus on February 8, 2020. She also supported the counseling team at Grand Ledge High School and ERESA Career Center offering two financial aid workshops and 4 in person FAFSA completion events for their senior class.
Court-involved students have been referred by the Trial Court - Family Division to meet with CapCAN’s Pathway to Potential College and Career Coach. The Coach, Jeff Dole, presented two workshops to students served by the court. The Coach conducted a needs assessment with 4 students to determine their college or career plan and facilitate transitional referrals to community services including Capital Area Michigan Works, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, and other relevant partners. He did follow-up coaching with two students.

CapCAN has initiated a rural college access project to review national data, trends, and best practices in rural college access. The rural project impacts 4 of the 5 local school districts in the Eaton RESA service area including: Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Maple Valley, and Potterville. Juniors and seniors completed a comprehensive college access survey to assess their financial aid needs, and gather demographic data about their family, technology access, college intentions, and family college attainment. This information about baseline college knowledge and motivation of students and families will assist CapCAN in determining meaningful engagement and interventions to improve college readiness, participation, and completion in Eaton County. This data is being compiled by Dr. Anne Hornak a faculty member at Central Michigan University. A report will be available in June 2020.

**Outcomes and Measures for the 2019-20 School Year**

The overarching goal of the Capital Area College Access Network is to increase college attainment in Eaton County to 60% by 2030. The college attainment rate has increased over the past three years from 38% to 40.2% of adults, age 25-64, who have obtained a postsecondary degree or credential over the past year. (Source: Lumina Foundation, Stronger Nation). Fifty-two percent of local graduates are enrolled in college within six months of high school graduation, including only 33.4% of graduates who received free and reduced lunch. (Source: MISchooldata.org)

**How is program success measured?** The college advisers and counselors track the:

1. Number of students who have submitted 1 or more college applications
2. Number of families who have submitted FAFSA financial aid forms
3. Number of students who have received 1:1 college and career advising
4. Number of students who have committed to attending a post-secondary institution at the end of the school year.

The entire high school student population in the Eaton RESA service area received post-secondary educational information in the form of classroom presentations, parent and student workshops, participation in a career-focused college fair, and access online and social media resources.

As of May 1, 2020, the three college advisers at Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Maple Valley and Relevant Academy reported that:

- **Total seniors receiving college advising services:** 445
- **Total number of one on one advising sessions:** 675
- **College Applications completed:** 537
- **FAFSA completion:** 53.9% (up from 41.2% the previous year)
- **Eaton RESA students attending career-focused college fair:** 423
- **TIP scholarship completion:** 58.3% (New data point for 2019)

Respectfully Submitted,

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