

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

9:00 A.M.

### MINUTES

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

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Commissioner Dairus Reynnet

**ALSO PRESENT:** Martha Richard (Healing and Recovery Center), Kim Thalison (Eaton RESA), Charisse Tuell (Eaton RESA) and John Fuentes

The September 6, 2022 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 Rogers moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Mulder seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Richard, Healing and Recovery Center Administrator, was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. It was reported that although the facility is licensed for 142 beds under Medicaid, its occupancy has been reduced to 110 due to staffing shortages. The reduction has enabled the facility to reduce its reliance on contractual agency nurses from a high of nine to, two currently. Additional information was provided on the outstanding receivables reported at the August meeting. The amounts referenced are primarily receivables for the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) and not Medicaid cost settlements. The Medicaid cost settlement process was reviewed. Medicaid reimbursements are based on facility cost reports from two years prior. During periods of inflationary cost increases, the reimbursements will be insufficient to cover current costs and will be increased or "settled" in a future period. A comparison of the current operating positions of three similar sized county facilities was provided.

It was reported that the Executive Director of Tri-County Office on Aging, Marion Owen would be retiring from the agency in November 2022. The agency requested the Board of Commissioners consider a resolution of appreciation. A resolution will be prepared for the November 16 regular meeting.

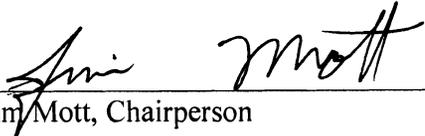
Kim Thalison and Charisse Tuell, Eaton RESA, were present to discuss the upcoming opioid summit hosted in conjunction with the Eaton County Substance Awareness Advisory Council scheduled for September 14. The facilitated discussion is intended to identify service gaps and priorities to utilize the County's national opioid litigation settlement proceeds. Discussion held.

A crisis stabilization unit planning focus group summary and feedback document prepared by CEI-Community Mental Health was distributed for review. The unit and its development will be discussed in greater detail at the next regular meeting during the agency's semi-annual report.

A schedule of the expiring citizen appointments was provided for the committee's review. It was reported that a public service announcement to solicit interest is appearing in print media and is available on the County website. Applications of interest will be provided to the Committee at their next regular meeting.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:33am.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 9:00am in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.

  
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Jim Mott, Chairperson