

OCEANA COUNTY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

** ADMINISTRATOR'S MEETING NOTES **

Date: July 13, 2021

Present: Mr. Craig Hardy, Ms. Mary Lou Phillips, Dr. Lynne Cavazos, Mr. James Kelly, Ms. Tammy Carey, and Dr. Robert J. Sobie

Absent: None

Mr. Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Dr. Sobie continued a review from the previous meeting of a funding request form to be used by organizations to make requests of the county board to fund a project. Committee members requested a couple of changes to the form including a date in which funding is needed by the organization and a limitation on how much narrative should be provided by the organization explaining its request. Those changes will be included on the form.

Committee members discussed the process for calculating revenue loss using a pre-determined formula provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Dr. Sobie stated that he's performed a number of calculations using different scenarios and concluded that it would be beneficial to have the county's auditors assist with the final calculation.

Priorities for using the funds remain consistent with earlier discussions. Namely, revenue loss, possible pre-funding of DHD#10 and CMH programs, and economic development.

Ms. Carey reminded everyone that a roundtable discussion about the use of these federal funds is scheduled for July 14, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at the West Michigan Research Center. Local officials were invited to share preliminary ideas about how each municipality might spend their allocation and to discuss possible partnerships.

Today's meeting ended at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be August 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room.

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