

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Board Conference Room at the Oceana County Building by Chairperson Erickson on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 9:01 a.m.

Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Morse, Mr. Christians, and Mr. Erickson.

Also present were: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Dr. Lisa Williams, Executive Director, West Michigan Community Mental Health; and Josh Snyder, Chief Clinical Officer, West Michigan Community Mental Health.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the closed session minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Erickson asked if there were any changes to the agenda items.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the agenda items as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

No public comment on agenda items at this time.

Dr. Williams, West Michigan Community Mental Health (WMCMH), provided the 2020 Annual Report for WMCMH. She highlighted programs that were implemented as a result of the pandemic, including telehealth and a mental and emotional health app, which is available to those receiving regular service as well as others in the community, especially those in the medical field. Dr. Williams encouraged the Commissioners to peruse the myStrength app that WMCMH has implemented. The code to get in is WMCMHCommunity.

She also noted a partnership with Northwest Michigan Health Services that provided a primary care clinic in Mason County and she noted some of the grants WMCMH has been awarded.

Mr. Snyder provided information on the Department of Justice Grant received by WMCMH. It is a three-year grant for \$750,000. The purpose of the grant is to improve our communities' response to persons with mental illness and cooccurring substance abuse disorders who interact with the criminal justice system through enhanced jail diversion, crisis response and connection to services and supports.

Dr. Williams requested support from the Commissioners for a resolution opposing two pieces of legislation currently sitting in the Michigan House and Senate. The legislation significantly threatens the public mental health system in Michigan. It includes changes to the Michigan Mental Health Code and the Michigan Social Welfare Act, which is essentially what defines a CMH, the role of the County in the CMH and the role of the various financial

contributors of a CMH. The legislation could also threaten the protections for those with mental health conditions and how they receive their treatment. There are also several financial changes in this legislation that could significantly change the levels of service. Several organizations including the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Sheriff's Association, and various law enforcement agencies have already expressed opposition to this legislation.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 9:56 a.m. with a motion from Mr. Christians, seconded by Mr. Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk