



MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Human Services Committee

MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA WEBEX

May 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Beedon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Greg McConnell, Jorja Baldwin, Jeff Bohm, Duke Dunn, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche and Lisa Beedon

Commissioners Remote: None

Commissioners Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

None

4. Updates

A. Community Mental Health Update

Deb Johnson, Community Mental Health Executive Director, discussed a proposal recently introduced at the State regarding moving forward with behavioral health integration. At present, there has not been a specific bill introduced to accomplish this. She discussed previous attempts by the Legislature that were unsuccessful. It appears there is intent to fast track this legislation, with a proposed time of the proposal introduction in March and adoption date by June. She discussed the negative consequences of the proposal on service delivery to citizens. She requested the Board of

Commissioners complete a call to action to oppose the proposal and to encourage other community leaders to do the same.

Some discussion occurred.

B. COVID-19 Update - Medical Health Officer

Dr. Annette Mercatante, Health Department Medical Health Officer, discussed the current status of COVID-19 in the County. She stated the County is no longer considered a hot spot. She discussed the decrease in vaccination and indicated the level of immunity required to avoid another surge has not yet been achieved. She requested that the Board of Commissioners and all community leaders to publicly encourage citizens to voluntarily comply with recommended COVID mitigation strategies.

Some discussion occurred.

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Resolution 12-07 Encouraging Voluntary Compliance with COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

Moved by Jeff Bohm, supported by Duke Dunn, to forward to the Regular meeting the recommendation to adopt Resolution 21-07 encouraging voluntary compliance with COVID-19 mitigation strategies. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

B. Community Health Needs Assessment Contract Approval

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by David Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve a contract with VIP Research and Evaluation for a Community Health Needs Assessment in an amount not to exceed \$95,000. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

8. Other Human Services Matters

None

9. Information Only

None

10. Receive and File Packets

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Lisa Beedon

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