

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



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## MEMBERS

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Kevon Martis, Dawn Bales

## MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

**Minutes:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Commissioners Bolton, Martis, Bales, and Van Doren

**Also Present:** Jeanette Henagan, Jill Heilmann, and Kelsey Jimenez from DHHS, Shannon Elliott, Kim Murphy, Jennifer Ambrose, and Monica Hunt

### I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Bales, seconded by Martis, to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.*

**II. Childhood Apraxia Awareness:** Commissioner Bolton discussed Childhood Apraxia, a speech disorder in which a child has difficulty making accurate movements when speaking. She explained that it affects 1 in 1,000 children and a proclamation was submitted for consideration.

A few early signs of childhood apraxia of speech to be on the lookout for:

- Limited vocal play and babbling
- Described as a "quiet baby"
- Difficulty imitating sounds or words
- Difficulty simplifying words to make them easier to say
- Not consistently adding new words to their vocabulary
- May demonstrate social avoidance due to awareness of communication difficulty
- Limited use of varied vowels and consonant sounds
- Inconsistent speech sound errors- child could say the same word 5x and it would sound differently each time the word was produced
- Understanding of language far exceeds production of language
- Articulatory groping—articulatory searching prior to phonating
- Consonant distortions
- Difficulty with smooth, accurate movement transitions from one sound to the next
- Inconsistent errors on consonants and vowels in repeated productions of syllables or words
- Slower than typical rate of speech
- Syllable segregation—pauses between sounds, syllables, or words that affect smooth transitions

*Motion by Martis, seconded by Bales, to recommend adoption of the Childhood Apraxia Awareness Day Proclamation. Motion carried.*

**III. Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Jeanette Henagan and Jill Heilmann, DHHS, talked about Child Abuse Prevention. They mentioned the display of pinwheels that will be on the lawn in front of the old courthouse. Last year, the Lenawee County CPS investigated 724 reports of suspected child abuse/neglect and there were 214 substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect.

*Motion by Martis, seconded by Bales, to recommend adoption of the Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation. Motion carried.*

**IV. Department Highlights:** Monica Hunt reported that the State of Michigan is unwinding the public health emergency with a predicted end date of May 11, 2023. Medicaid and private insurances will be mandated to continue to covers costs of therapeutics, vaccines, and medications related to the public health emergency until September 30, 2024. The Lenawee Health Department will continue to offer free COVID testing at the Lenawee Transportation Authority, as well as free COVID vaccinations at their local clinic until their stock is fully depleted. Notification was given that COVID grants originally set to expire in June of 23 will be extended to June of 24. Health Navigators continue to hold the following health sessions throughout the County:

- 4/6 | 2 PM | Lenawee District Library
- 4/6 | 6 PM | Lenawee District Library
- 4/11 | 12 PM | Morenci Senior Center
- 4/12 | 5:30 PM | Morenci Library
- 4/18 | 10 AM | Blissfield Senior Center
- 4/20 | 5:30 PM | Adrian District Library

The Spring Drug take back day will be held Saturday April 22, 2023 from 10am-2pm at ProMedica Hickman Hospital.

The Communication and Marketing Specialist continues to work with Department Heads on navigating website needs, and increasing translatable documents and design.

#### **V. Updates / Other Business**

**A. 2023 BOC Scholarship:** The Lenawee County Commissioners Scholarship was established in 2007. This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one or two Lenawee County graduating seniors, who are pursuing a career in political science/government, criminal justice/public safety, or business/economics.

All nine commissioners donated to the fund this year and a total of \$1,090 was collected.

The recipient(s) for this year's scholarship were to be submitted by April 5<sup>th</sup> with the award ceremony is set for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. located at Adrian College, Dawson Auditorium. The Commissioners reported that there were numerous talented applicants making the decision for award very difficult.

**B. Legislative Breakfast:** The Legislative Breakfast will be held at The Hills Conference Center, where Sharon Woods from LandUse USA will present the Housing Target Market Analysis results for Lenawee County. The breakfast has been set for June 6<sup>th</sup> and the invitation is attached and is being shared.

- C. The Human Services committee meeting will be moved to the first Monday of the Month at 12:30 p.m. located at the Lenawee County Airport. The next Committee meeting will be, Monday May 1, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

**VI. Public Comment:** No public comment was offered.

**VII. Adjournment**

*Motion by Bales, seconded by Martis, to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m. Motion carried.*

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