

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Kevon Martis, Dawn Bales

MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

Minutes: Monday, May 1, 2023 – 12:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Bolton, Martis, and Bales

Others: Commissioner Collins

Also Present: Jacquelyn Rochon, Mr. Rochon, Kathryn Szewczuk (LCMHA), Francine Zysk, Kim Murphy, Jennifer Ambrose, and Monica Hunt

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Bales, seconded by Commissioner Martis, to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

II. Childhood Apraxia Awareness: Jacquelyn Rochon discussed Childhood Apraxia, a speech disorder in which a child has difficulty making accurate movements when speaking. She related the importance of the cause and her family's personal story which led to her advocacy.

Proclamation recommended in April's meeting will be moving forward to Board of Commissioners.

III. Mental Health Awareness: Kathryn Szewczuk from Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority gave an update on Public Behavioral and Mental Health in Lenawee County and the State of Michigan. LCMHA serves approximately 1,800 residents in Lenawee, 500 of which also crossover with substance abuse. Industry-wide they are facing a staffing crisis in public mental health as there is a 30% vacancy in the state of Michigan. Resources for in-patient care in both private and public facilities remain scarce. LCMHA staff is dedicated to meeting the local needs; her entire staff goes above and beyond to take care of our residents. While there are many threats to the system, LCMHA is willing to collaborate to find solutions.

Motion by Commissioner Martis, seconded by Commissioner Bales, to recommend adoption of the May Mental Health Awareness Month proclamation. Motion carried.

IV. Department Highlights: Monica Hunt highlighted the many outreach events that the Health Department is participating in this month. They include:

- Health Check – May 4, 2023
- First Fridays – May 5, 2023

- Tecumseh Farmers Market – May 20, 2023
- Adrian Farmers Market – May 27, 2023
- Community Health Navigator Presentations
 - May 10 – Morenci Library
 - May 12 – Second Fridays
 - May 16 – Blissfield Senior Center
 - May 18 – Adrian District Library

Lenawee Department on Aging nutrition report was available. Commissioner Bolton presented highlights.

V. Updates / Other Business

- A. 2023 BOC Scholarship:** The award ceremony is set for May 7th at 2:00 pm. located at Adrian College, Dawson Auditorium. Commissioner Bolton will invite scholarship winners to attend a future Board of Commissioners meeting.
- B. Legislative Breakfast:** The breakfast has been set for June 6th, RSVPs continue to be collected.
- C. Volunteer Survey Results:** Jennifer Ambrose presented the initial results of the volunteer short survey and follow-up plans. The next short survey will be on mental health awareness in collaboration with LCMHA.

VI. Public Comment: No public comment was offered

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Martis, seconded by Commissioner Bales, to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.