

**Muskegon County
Human Services Committee Meeting
February 3, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Susie Hughes, Chair

Charles Nash, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hughes at 4:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Benjamin Cross, Marvin Engle, Susie Hughes, Jeff Lohman, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Terry Sabo, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wilkins, supported by Cross, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HS15/02 – 04 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Sabo, to eliminate the hiring freeze procedure on all budgeted general fund positions and to require new positions, unbudgeted positions or those requests that affect the budget to be approved by the Administrator and the County Board; and those requests to fill vacant positions to be approved by the Department Director and the Administrator. Motion carried.

HS15/02 – 05 It was moved by Lohman, supported by Cross, to authorize the creation of a Transition Age Youth Manager position (NX 00330) in Community Mental Health's Transition Age Team Program (Org 7321) effective February 1, 2015. Motion carried.

HS15/02 – 06 It was moved by Sabo, supported by Mahoney, to authorize the Community Mental Health (CMH) Executive Director to extend the contract with Kori Bissot for the provision of consultation services at CMH at a rate of \$75.00 per hour, for no more than ten (10) hours per week, effective February 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, with a maximum amount of \$18,000.00 for the contract. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lohman briefly discussed a growing movement that includes prenatal education for low income parents in an attempt to end the cycle of poverty. He noted there currently is a program in Harlem that embraces this movement. Commissioner Lohman shared the link regarding the Harlem program which is <http://hcz/org>.

He noted he is very much in support of taking the lead in the state in prenatal education. He also shared he recently heard the Governor discuss his P-20 initiative for education at the Michigan Career Educators Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eric Stevens, Circuit Court Administrator, addressed the Board and thanked them for their support in eliminating the hiring freeze. He shared his appreciation also for Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator, in his initiative for making this task more efficient.

Commissioner Hughes thanked Mr. Stevens for his continued creativity in helping the youth of this County.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.