

**Muskegon County  
Human Services Committee Meeting  
February 5, 2019  
4:00 p.m.  
Hall of Justice, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Muskegon, MI**

**Charles Nash, Chair**

**Marcia Hovey-Wright, Vice-Chair**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Nash at 3:50 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also

Present: Doug Hughes, Williams Hughes, PLLC, Corporate Counsel; Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Lisa Chalko, Administrative Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019, meeting as written. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)**

None.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

HS19/02 - 01 It was moved by Snider, supported by Foster, to approve and adopt the Veterans Advisory Committee By-Laws and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

HS19/02 – 02 It was moved by Commissioner Snider, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorize Public Health to accept \$5,431 from Muskegon Community Health Project and subcontract with Coalition for Community Development to provide community level technical support and training to help empower the neighborhood groups and/or representatives in the Resilience Zone; and to refer/link them to existing community resources. Motion carried.

HS19/02 – 03 It was moved by Commissioner Foster, supported by Commissioner Mahoney, to authorization Public Health to accept \$78,000 from the

Michigan Department of Health and Human Service's WIC Division and to create and fill two (2) hourly Breastfeeding Peer Counselor positions at pay scale NO-00060 (\$12.536 - \$15.29 hourly). [No – Hughes] Motion carried.

HS19/02 – 04 It was moved by Commissioner Snider, supported by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, to authorize the following vendors as sole source supplier of vaccines in FY 2019 for Public Health: Sanofi Pasteur, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, and PaxVax, and allow immediate release of payment. [No – Lahring] Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Scolnik gave kudos to Mike Baauw, Muskegon Department of Veterans Affairs. He noted even while Mr. Baauw was on vacation, he was able to assist a citizen in obtaining a new furnace through the DTE Test and Tune program.

Commissioner Hughes noted she also contacted Mr. Baauw during his vacation to ensure the paperwork for a HUD home closing could occur as scheduled, which it did, allowing for a single mother to be a first time home owner.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Foster discussed the need for an easier application process for requests for Senior Millage funds. Ms. Moore, Public Health Director, noted the Senior Activities Committee will discuss and provide a recommendation to the Board on simplifying the process for requests based on the dollar amount being requested.

Commissioner Wilkins discussed indigent burials and the need for assistance for many individuals who are unprepared for these expenses. Ms. Kathy Moore, Public Health Director, noted this is an ongoing problem nation-wide.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.