

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

At a meeting of the **Health & Human Services Committee**, held Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Moceri-Chair, Flynn, Frascetti, Miller, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

DiMaria

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Moceri called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Frascetti, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

VETERANS

a) **Veterans' Services Department Monthly Report**

Kermit Harris overviewed his monthly report. He then spoke about the Veterans' Treatment Court which is scheduled to kickoff on April 12th and a nice news article appearing in The Detroit News concerning the Veterans' Millage renewal.

The following commissioner spoke: Moceri.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Frascetti, to receive and file the monthly status report for February 2012 as submitted by Kermit Harris, Director of Veterans' Services Department. **The Motion Carried.**

SENIOR SERVICES

a) **Receive and File Dashboard Databook Report from Area Agency on Aging 1-B**

b) **Receive and File Free Press Articles Received from Area Agency on Aging 1-B**

- Michigan showing more gray, no future in that
- What's Michigan doing for its fast-growing population?

c) **Receive and File Article Entitled, The Advocate from Area Agency on Aging 1-B**

Commissioner Frascchetti expressed concern about the aging population and felt something needs to be done to keep and also attract young people to Michigan, because this is going to have a huge impact on the economy. He felt this issue should be taken up at a future Economic Development Committee meeting and discuss what needs to be done to revitalize communities and start growing the economy.

Chair Mocerri noted the statistics provided by Area Agency on Aging 1-B want to convey that older adults offer a significant economic contribution to the county and to the region. She felt it was a good example of a dashboard and it also touches on the economic impact of the aging population, current status and looking towards the future. She offered to hold a joint hearing with the Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Flynn expressed concern when young adults finish their schooling they are leaving the state in large percentages which is due to a whole host of factors. He felt this issue is far more complex rather than looking at an article at face value.

Chair Mocerri expressed concern about the cutting of services to the aging population. She felt the issue being discussed is a very complicated picture.

Commissioner Miller referred to page 4 of the report and noted Macomb County seniors contributed over \$195 million to various charities in 2010. He felt this is an economic development opportunity for businesses to locate here and to service that population and also an economic development opportunity for Macomb County.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the following information received from Area Agency on Aging 1-B: (a) Dashboard Databook Report, (b) Free Press articles on Michigan showing more gray, no future in that and What's Michigan doing for its fast-growing population, and (c) an article entitled, The Advocate.

The Motion Carried.

COMMUNITY/HUMAN SERVICES

a) **Receive and File Flyer from Community Housing Network on Free Foreclosure Prevention Counseling**

Chair Mocerri indicated that MSU Extension offers this program and it has been really successful and a great resource for Macomb County residents.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the flyer from Community Housing Network on Free Foreclosure Prevention Counseling. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

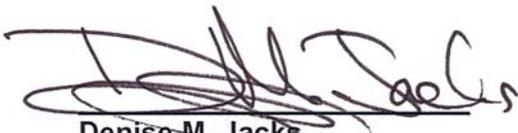
Chair Mocerri announced she is scheduling a special meeting for later this month and the agenda will consist of items that were forwarded from the Office of County Executive to this committee regarding budget adjustments. She is working with independent counsel, so these requests are addressed in the appropriate way.

Commissioner Frascchetti referred to an article appearing in the March 2012 issue of Woods-N-Water News entitled, Massacre on the great lakes and watershed. He expressed concern about the economic development impact it will have on Lake St. Clair and he plans to forward the article to the co-chairs of the Economic Development Committee and also to Health & Human Services Committee Chair Mocerri.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Flynn, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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