

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

At a meeting of the **Health & Human Services Committee**, held Wednesday, September 7, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Moceri called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Tocco, to approve the August 17, 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

VETERANS

a) Report by Veterans' Services Department

Veterans' Affairs Commissioners Fred Warner and Therese Wrobel were in attendance.

Kermit Harris overviewed his report. He then informed commissioners about recently receiving a telephone call from an individual who wants to donate a lot in Warren to the veterans. He then reported that he will be submitting his reorganization plan to the Office of the County Executive. Additionally, he wanted to thank the Seniors Department for their help with the veterans this month.

b) Report on Veterans' Services Commission Training

Kermit Harris reported on Veterans' Services Commission training: a parliamentarian, who was very knowledgeable in Robert's Rules, carefully reviewed their procedure for holding commission meetings and she concluded that they have been run properly. She recommended a few changes for the agenda, a new minute format, and posting meeting notices on the outside of their building. Currently, they are working on implementing these recommendations.

Commissioner Flynn suggested posting the meeting notices on the Web site and sending out press releases. Kermit Harris said he will look into these suggestions.

Commissioner Miller thanked Kermit Harris for having the parliamentarian come in to make sure the Veterans' Services Commission meetings have been run properly.

Commissioner Frascchetti offered to go out to the property in Warren and give his professional expertise, since he has experienced problems with Warren's policies and building department. Commissioner Flynn asked Kermit Harris to keep Corporation Counsel and the Facilities & Operations Department updated on any developments, because it might be helpful in the process.

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Frascchetti, to receive and file the monthly status report for August 2011, as submitted by Kermit Harris, Director of Veterans' Services. **The Motion Carried.**

c) Discussion of Veterans Relief Fund

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

UPDATES

a) Food Policy Hearing

Chair Mocerri spoke about the Food Policy hearing that she is scheduling for her November 2nd committee meeting; it may be held off-site or in the Board Room. She asked commissioners to inform her if they would like certain speakers at the hearing or if they have any policy suggestions. She noted there will be an opportunity to visit the Forgotten Harvest later this month. She reported that Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit is looking to expand a fresh food share and are also looking to make their operation for those who are economically situated and would be able to purchase fresh food boxes. She thought it might be an interesting model for Macomb County to look into.

b) **Future Meetings**

Chair Mocerri informed commissioners that she will not be holding an October committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Frascchetti, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter