

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013

At a meeting of the **Health and Human Services Committee**, held Monday, October 28, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Moceri-Chair, Boyle-Vice-Chair, Klinefelt, Miller, Sauger, Tocco and Flynn (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Mijac.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Moceri called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Tocco, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include revised resolutions for #9b, c and d). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Boyle, to approve the June 17, July 22 and July 25 (special) and September 9, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

VETERANS

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Laura Rios, the new Director for the Veterans Services Department, overviewed the report and highlighted upcoming activities and key issues. She noted that next year they will be going back to billboard advertising rather than advertising in movie theaters.

The following commissioners spoke: Boyle and Sauger.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Boyle, to receive and file the Quarterly Status Report for the Veterans Services Department. **The Motion Carried.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

BUDGET AMENDMENT/CSA/HOME INJURY CONTROL

Joe Cook, Division Director, provided an overview.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Sauger, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a budget adjustment increase in the amount of \$7,021 to the Community Services Agency's Home Injury Control grant budget; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately.

The following commissioner spoke: Boyle.

Chair Mocerri called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT/CSA/VETERANS AND FAMILIES GRANT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Klinefelt, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a request to amend the previously approved Community Services Agency's budget with an increase of \$435,000 for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 (Supportive Services for Veterans and Families Grant); further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately.

Joe Cook stated that this is their first grant and the funds will be used to assist approximately 150 veterans who are homeless or at risk with home assistance.

The following commissioners asked questions of Joe Cook and Gary Cutler: Tocco, Mocerri, Klinefelt, Boyle and Flynn.

Chair Mocerri called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

CONTRACT AMENDMENT/CSA/JUDSON CENTER-EARLY HEAD START

Joe Cook explained that Judson Center is unable to sign a five year contract so the contract has been amended and the budget has been modified to show a one year period during FY 2013-14.

MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Klinefelt, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve a contract amendment with Judson Center for home-based services for Community Services Agency's Head Start 0-5; further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive.

The following commissioner asked questions of Joe Cook and Kathleen Nicosia, Head Start Director: Boyle.

Chair Mocerri called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

HEALTH

DISCUSSION ON MEDICAL EXAMINER: EMPLOYEE VS. CONTRACTOR ANALYSIS

Chair Mocerri explained that a request by Commissioner Vosburg was submitted to the Office of County Executive regarding the rationale for why Dr. Spitz was a contractor for Macomb County rather than an employee. Input from St. Clair County and preliminary analysis that was conducted by Board staff was provided.

The following commissioners asked questions of Andrew Kim, Director of Legislative Affairs: Klinefelt and Flynn.

Commissioner Klinefelt referred to the IRS finding and requested a formal legal opinion pertaining to that issue.

Steve Gold, Director, Health and Community Services Department, provided a status report on the Medical Examiner issue.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Sauger, to receive and file the information provided on the Medical Examiner issue of employee vs. contractor analysis. **The Motion Carried.**

DISCUSSION ON 08-08-13 RFI RESPONSE FROM OCE ON REJECTED DIGNIFIED REMOVAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Chair Mocerri noted that the contract was not approved by the Board and no follow-up has been received related to how the Office of County Executive is moving forward with these services or funding of these services.

The following commissioners spoke: Klinefelt and Mocerri.

Steve Gold gave an update on the status of removal services.

The following commissioners asked questions of Steve Gold and John Schapka, Corporation Counsel: Boyle, Klinefelt and Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to receive and file the information provided on the rejected Dignified Removal Services contract issue. **The Motion Carried.**

HHS COMMITTEE CHAIR ITEMS

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN MACOMB COUNTY (OFFERED BY MOCERI AND TOCCO)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation in support of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Macomb County. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013 (S. 1562) TO REAUTHORIZE AND IMPROVE THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 AND MODERNIZE PROVISIONS TO HELP SENIORS REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES (OFFERED BY MOCERI AND TOCCO)

A revised resolution was distributed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S. 1562) to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965 and modernize provisions to help seniors remain independent in their homes and communities. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 2013 (S. 1356) TO REAUTHORIZE THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998 AND MODERNIZE THE NATION'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM (OFFERED BY MOCERI)

A revised resolution was distributed. Board Chair Flynn requested to be added; there were no objections.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting the Workforce Investment Act of 2013 (S. 1356) to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and modernize the nation's workforce development system. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A FOOD PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR MACOMB COUNTY TO RECOMMEND LOCAL SOURCING (OFFERED BY MOCERI)

A revised resolution was distributed.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution of intent to establish a Food Procurement Policy for Macomb County to recommend local sourcing. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Klinefelt, supported by Sauger, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter