



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Health, Education & Human Services Committee

MINUTES

February 24, 2021

10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	James Maike, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike
AGENDA - MOTION NO.	21-084
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Agenda of February 24, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES – MOTION NO.	21-085
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Health, Education & Human Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PRESENTATION	Lori Schultz, DHHS Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department is closed to the public except by appointment until at least May 1st. • Pathway to Potential staff are currently working in the schools. • Protective services and foster care staff have been made available to receive vaccines. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Steven Cain, Veteran Affairs
<p>The following departmental updates were reported by Steven Cain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department staff are processing claims, answering questions, and assisting Veterans and their families obtain benefits. Have been handling claims using online resources, over the phone and talking with customers at the window. • In the 5th month of the FY2021 County Veterans Service Fund Grant. Reporting is going well thanks to the continued support of Administration and our County Grants manager. • Volunteer drivers are available for Veterans of all war time eras. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Joseph Fox, Director, Commission on Aging
<p>The following departmental updates were reported by Joseph Fox:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels is currently delivering 225 meals per day. May be starting a partial delivery route to Fremont next week to focus on the senior housing locations. • Planning to distribute over 300 Care Kits to older adults in various programs in early March. These kits will be donated by United Way of the Lakeshore and will go to Meals on Wheels, Grab & Go Meals, Homemakers, and other throughout the County. • White Pine Adult Day Group is remaining closed until clear of COVID-19 concerns. 	
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received the 2nd quarter report from BCBS and claims were higher than expected. Prescription costs remain extremely high. Working with the Wellness Committee to put together some long-term wellness plans at the County promoting a healthy lifestyle. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	James Kelly, MSU Extension
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looks forward to working with COA Director Joseph Fox, as there are few Community Nutrition Instructors in Newaygo County.
ADJOURNMENT – MOTION NO.	21-086
	Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE	March 24, 2021