

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

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013

At a **special** meeting of the **Health and Human Services Committee**, held Thursday, July 25, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Mocerri-Chair, Boyle-Vice-Chair, Klinefelt, Mijac, Miller, Tocco and Flynn (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Sauger.

Other Commissioners Also Present: Sabatini.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Mocerri called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

HEALTH/MEDICAL EXAMINER

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW – MEDICAL EXAMINER

Bill Ridella, Director/Health Officer, summarized the proposed budget.

The following commissioners spoke: Mocerri, Klinefelt, Mijac, Miller, Flynn and Tocco.

Chair Mocerri asked that committee move to the next agenda item in order to receive a telephone call from Dr. Andrew Baker from Minnesota. There were no objections.

**REPORT ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (NAME)
ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

Committee received a telephone conference call from Dr. Andrew Baker, Chief Medical Examiner for Hennepin County in Minnesota and Chairman of the Board of NAME.

Dr. Baker shared his background, how he became associated with NAME, the value for a county to become certified through the organization and the steps involved in the process.

The following commissioners asked questions: Mocerri, Miller and Flynn.

Chair Mocerri relayed the Board's appreciation for providing the information to the committee and stated that it was very valuable as the county pursues NAME accreditation.

The committee continued its review of the budget for the Medical Examiner's Office.

The following commissioners asked questions of Steve Gold and Bill Ridella: Miller, Flynn and Mocerri.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Boyle, to receive and file the departmental budget review of the Medical Examiner's Office. **The Motion Carried.**

DIGNIFIED REMOVAL SERVICE AGREEMENT/HEALTH

Bill Ridella, Director/Health Officer, provided an overview of the agreement.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Klinefelt, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve the professional services agreement between Macomb County and Dignified Removal Service for remains removal and transport services for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; the payment for services will be based on the following rate: \$75 per hospital site removal and \$115 per other than hospital site removal; Dignified Removal Services will submit monthly invoices to Macomb County Health Department, Medical Examiner's Office, for services rendered under this agreement.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco, Miller, Klinefelt, Flynn and Mocerri.

Chair Mocerri called for a vote on the motion to approve and **The Motion was Defeated.**

Chair Mocerri noted that questions and concerns raised today and any additional questions and/or recommended changes will be forwarded to the County Executive's Office.

INFORMATION ON GIFT OF LIFE DONATION PROGRAM

Chair Mocerri noted that information was provided on the Gift of Life Donation Program.

The following commissioner spoke: Miller.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Klinefelt, to receive and file the information on the Gift of Life Donation Program. **The Motion Carried.**

ADDRESS MEDICAL EXAMINER'S ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (RFI'S)

Chair Mocerri stated that a timeline was provided for 2012 and 2013 pertaining to requests for the Medical Examiner's attendance at meetings, as well as requests for information.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Klinefelt and Mocerri.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Boyle, to recommend that the Board of Commissioners compel the Medical Examiner to appear before the Board of Commissioners to answer questions pertaining to the budget process and matters related to the Office of Medical Examiner; Further, a copy of this Board of Commissioners' action is directed to be delivered forthwith to the Office of the County Executive. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The following commissioners spoke: Mijac, Mocerri and Tocco.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Klinefelt, to adjourn the meeting at 10 a.m.
The Motion Carried.



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Committee Reporter