

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010**

At a meeting of the **Public Services Committee**, held Thursday, April 22, 2010, in the Department of Human Services Conference Room, 21885 Dunham Road (VerKuilen Building), Clinton Township, the following members were present:

Torrice-Chair, Brdak, Bruley, Kepler, Lampar, Mijac and Tocco.

Absent and excused were Accavitti and Boyle.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Torrice called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Kepler, supported by Tocco, to approve the March 18, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE FUNDS
FROM GREAT PARENTS MACOMB**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TOCCO, SUPPORTED BY BRULEY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO RECEIVE \$9,022 FROM GREAT PARENTS MACOMB. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO SUBMIT HEAD START CONTINUATION PLAN FOR 2010-11

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY KEPLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO SUBMIT THE HEAD START CONTINUATION PLAN FOR 2010-11. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL HEAD START GRANT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY'S SUPPLEMENTAL HEAD START GRANT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO SUBMIT WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PY10 LOCAL SERVICE PLAN

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRULEY, SUPPORTED BY KEPLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY TO SUBMIT THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PY10 LOCAL SERVICE PLAN.

Frank Taylor said they will be receiving an additional \$615,000 as a result of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. He said he has submitted a request to the Personnel Committee for an increase in staff to handle the backlog.

Commissioner Bruley encouraged him to be aggressive regarding the increase of staff.

Chair Torrice called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

STATUS REPORT BY COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR

Frank Taylor said he anticipates that state budget cuts will affect the Senior Nutrition Program and will result in less home delivered meals.

He referred to the possibility of a County Mandatory Furlough Day Policy and spoke about the adverse affect that will have on their service levels.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the report from the Community Services Agency Director. **The Motion Carried.**

STATUS REPORT BY VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

John Whitworth was present on behalf of Kermit Harris and he summarized their report.

MOTION

A motion was made by Kepler, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the status report provided by the Veterans' Services Department for the month of March. **The Motion Carried.**

STATUS REPORT BY MACOMB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Bernell Wiggins, Acting County Director, overviewed his report on the assistance payment cases and applications. He stated that individuals can go online to determine what assistance they are eligible for and currently they can apply online for food assistance. He said they have increased their standard of promptness by 85 percent.

Gino Gonzales overviewed his report on the social services cases. He said they are doing well in the Child Protective Services Program and spoke about child foster care and their efforts to keep children with their families.

Commissioner Tocco spoke about the shortage of prosecutors for DHS cases. Mr. Gonzales responded that they are working with the courts and Prosecutor's Office to determine other ways that they can represent them.

MOTION

A motion was made by Kepler, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the Caseload Trend Report submitted by the Department of Human Services. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Lampar, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**