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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson related only to issues contained on the agenda)
5. **COMMUNITY / HUMAN SERVICES**
 - a) Presentation by Chuck O'Brien, Director, Macomb Homeless Coalition
 - b) Receive and File Information on Tri-County Vehicle Assistance **(mailed)**
6. **VETERANS**
 - a) Veterans' Services Department Monthly Report (report to be provided prior to the committee meeting)
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a) Receive and File Request to Review Cash Management Policy and Procedures for Fundraising Monies Received **(mailed)**
 - b) Receive and File Request for Additional Information Regarding Senior Citizen Services Department Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$29,057.93 **(mailed)**
8. New Business
9. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson)
10. Adjournment

MEMBERS: Mocerri-Chair, Flynn-Vice-Chair, Frascchetti, Miller, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

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The Macomb Homeless Coalition

The Continuum of Care for Macomb County



The Macomb Homeless Coalition

- A Planning and Collaborative Body of Service Agencies, Private Organizations and Government Departments
- 501(c)3 organization, established 1984
- Oversight by 15 member Board
 - Primary Decision Making Body for the Continuum of Care in Macomb County
- 7 Staff – primarily grant funded

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Administration

- Grant Fiduciary for MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant
- HUD lead for CoC Homeless Assistance Supportive Housing Program Grants - Exhibit 1
- Single Point of Entry for Homeless/At-Risk in Macomb County

Data and Planning

- Homeless Management Information System Administrator (HMIS)
- Continuum of Care annual plan, Ten Year Plan

Events and Service

- Bi-Annual Point in Time Count
- Community Connection Days / Outreach Events
- Direct Client Services





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- Effective Summer of 2011:
 - Continuum Of Care Coordinator position moved from the County to the Macomb Homeless Coalition
 - Funding dictated move
 - County/Communities very supportive
 - Hired Director, expanded role

Who is Homeless in Macomb County?



- On January 26, 2011, the Macomb Homeless Coalition conducted its fourth Point in Time Count of the area homeless
 - There were 1,101 homeless identified that day.
 - Over 2,770 Macomb County residents experience homelessness at some point during the year and seek help.
 - **Next Point in Time January 2013 -**

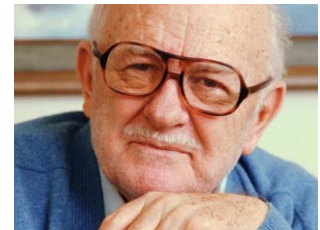
Who is homeless in Macomb County?

Of the 1,101 homeless:

- 14% were children
- 509 were living on the streets (tents, cars, camps, buildings, etc)
- 10% were veterans
- 16% were homeless due to domestic violence

In 2011,

- Approximately 1/2 of those seeking services were homeless for the first time
- Families were the fastest growing homeless population





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Some Current Numbers
March 2011 to March 2012
Clients Served: 2,773

- Homeless for the first time **54%**
- Single female parent with children **907**
 - In # Households: **325**
- Number under age of 10 years: **19%**
- Number under age of 17 years: **31%**

Who is Homeless in Macomb County?

Some primary reasons of homelessness

Self-reported in 2011 - 2012:

Singles / Families

- Underemployment - (**19% / 16%**)
- Eviction/foreclosure - (**23% / 25%**)
- No affordable housing - (**21% / 23%**)
- Domestic assault - (**5% / 20%**)
- Job loss - (**21% / 13%**)





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Some Current Challenges

- Families homeless for the first time
- Single Parent with Children
- Low to No income
- Shelter Stays extended for up-to 90 Days
 - Client motivation
 - Bed Turnover
 - Increased turn-aways



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How to Help ?

- Consider ways to include the Homeless Coalition in the conversations going forward
- Consider involvement in Outreach events
 - Community Connection Days / Family Connection Days
 - Point in Time Count January 2013



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Chuck O'Brien:

chuck@macombhomelesscoalition.com

RESOLUTION NO. _____

FULL BOARD MEETING DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM: _____

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Receive and file information on Tri-County Vehicle Assistance

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner Toni Mocerri, Chair, Health & Human Services Committee

COMMITTEE/MEETING DATE

Health & Human Services 04-10-12

Please share this information at church, within your community, office & among friends

Program Helps Tri-County Families Buy Vehicles

DETROIT - A national program will make low-cost loans to buy or repair pre-owned vehicles available to low- to moderate-income working families in the Detroit area.

Matrix Human Services and Spectrum Child & Family Services will administer \$6,000 car loans and \$1,500 repair loans to families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties through the Detroit Ways to Work economic empowerment program.

Ways to Work helps families with poor credit buy reliable vehicles. The program, **which will be launched March 26**, also requires applicants to take a financial education course as part of the loan process. Applicants are taken through the application process, given financial counseling on budgeting, credit repair education and financial planning.

Funding is provided through the Kellogg Foundation, Kresge, Wal-Mart and other businesses and foundations.

"Owning an affordable car can make a tremendous difference in the job prospects, quality of life and future aspirations of a low-income family," said Ways to Work president Jeff Faulkner. "We tie an affordable loan product to a critical family asset, the car, and then let the combination of high expectations, accountability and meaningful clients supports do the rest. The act of repaying a loan helps our clients build sound financial habits, reinforces personal responsibility, and helps them to build a payment history and improve their credit rating."

Ways to Work operates 55 sites in 23 states and has helped nearly 30,000 families get more than \$60 million in affordable loans.

Approved loans come have a flat 8 percent interest rate and repayment terms of 24 and 30 months. Typical monthly payments fall between \$150 and \$220, and borrowers can save \$750 to \$3,000 in interest fees.

The majority of loan recipients are single mothers.

"Reliable transportation is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty," said Marcella Wilson, Matrix president and chief executive. "When children and families have access to reliable transportation, incomes increase and access to education and health care improves."

Applicants seeking information can call should call [313-526-4000, extension. 319](tel:313-526-4000) , or [313-456-6060](tel:313-456-6060).

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AGENDA

ITEM: _____

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Receive and file Monthly Status Report for March 2012 as
submitted by Kermit Harris, Director of Veterans Services

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Mocerri, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee

COMMITTEE / MEETING DATE

Health and Human Services

April 10, 2012

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Status Report for March 2012**

Veterans Services Commission Members:

**Pat M. Daniels Chairman
Fred Warner, Vice Chairman
Therese Wrobel, Secretary
Natalie V. McPherson, Member at Large
Andrew Knapp, Member at Large**

After review by the Veterans Services Commission 27 county burial applications and 5 marker reimbursement applications were approved for March.

STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2012

	<u>2012</u> (MAR)	<u>YTD</u> (2012)	<u>2011</u> (MAR)								
1. Personal Contacts with Veterans	591	1923	658								
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2. Claims (New/On-Going): Compensation, Pension, DIC, Widows Death Pension	345	1070	402								
3. Federal Burial Allowance	8	37	19								
4. County Burial Allowance	27	76	47								
5. County Burial – Excess Net Worth	9	46	14								
6. Government Markers	5	10	3								
7. Flag Display Cases	31	109	51								
8. Financial Assistance (MVTF)	17	60	16								
9. Veterans Relief Fund (VRF)	20	96	18								

**AMOUNT OF DOLLARS BROUGHT IN
MACOMB COUNTY FROM VA FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH 2012**

Total Amount of One Time
Payment of Retro
1,308,113

Total Amount of
Recurring Monthly
90,569

Kermit E. Harris, Lt Col USAF (ret)
Director, Veterans Services

KEH/tlb

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 7, 2012

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Warner at 1:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to accept agenda by McPherson, seconded by Knapp. Roll call of members showed Chairman Daniels excused, Mr. R. Martin from DHS was present.
2. There being no public present, Commissioners went into private session to review cases.
3. 14 cases were presented; 7 Denied; 5 Approved & 2 partials approved.

Old Business:

- a. Reminder there is a Veteran Court meeting tomorrow at 12:00.
- b. We have confirmation; the millage will be placed on the August ballot. Donations are coming in from area veteran groups to purchase yard signs.
- c. Mr. Harris and Commissioner Wrobel will be meeting with County Treasurer this week to discuss hiring another counselor and an account clerk. Our appointment wait time is up to two weeks or longer.

New Business:

- a. Commissioners questioned why the budget surplus is not shown on the financial statement. Mr. Harris will find out.
 - b. Mr. Charles Ramirez, a reporter from the Detroit News, was here to get information about the millage for an upcoming article.
4. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Therese Wrobel, Secretary

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 2012

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Daniels at 1:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to accept agenda by Warner, seconded by Knapp. Roll call of members showed N. McPherson excused, Mr. R. Martin from DHS was present.
2. There being no public present, Commissioners went into private session to review cases.
3. 5 cases were presented; 3 Denied; 2 Approved.

Old Business:

- a. It will cost \$900 to put up a large roadway sign.
- b. Suggested we go to churches & see if they will put information about us and the millage in their bulletins.

New Business:

- a. A letter will go out to all State Veterans from either Jason Allen or Anne-Marie Dutcher about benefits they may qualify for.
 - b. Investigators from Chicago were in the office about two fraudulent claims we helped discover.
 - c. There is no longer a requirement that no more than two veterans from any war be a member of the Veteran Service Commission.
4. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 2:55.

Therese Wrobel, Secretary



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March 30, 2012

TO: Mark Hackel, County Executive
FROM: Kathy D. Vosburg *kv*
RE: RFI 03-30-12 HHS Seniors Cash Mgt Policy DCS

At the March 29, 2012, Health & Human Services Committee Meeting, while the Board was considering a proposed budget amendment for the Senior Citizen Services General Fund, a question was raised regarding the receipt of cash (and checks) as a result of fundraising. Department of Community Services director, Steve Gold, indicated that written policies and procedures for cash management are in place.

The Board requests that a copy of the policies and procedures regarding cash management be forwarded to the BOC. The next meeting of the HHS Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. It would be helpful to have this information prior to Notice publication on Tuesday, April 3rd, or by the meeting date at latest.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

The foregoing actions and content of this writing are non-precedent setting and made without prejudice as to both form and substance.

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March 30, 2012

TO: Mark Hackel, County Executive
FROM: Kathy D. Vosburg *KV*
RE: RFI 03-30-12 FIN Seniors Budget DCS/Finance

“Approve Budget Amendment in Senior Citizen Services General Fund Budget in the Amount of \$29,057.93”

During deliberations regarding the above budget amendment request that was considered at the Health & Human Services Committee meeting held on April 29, 2012, a few questions were raised by the Board during its consideration:

1. Is this amount from 2011 only, or is it cumulative from prior years?
 - a. Please provide the record-keeping details relative to the \$29,057.93.
2. Was any amount accounted for in the 2012 budget?
 - a. If not, why not?
3. What is the budget process related to fundraising dollars?
4. Why is the county still accepting cash, given the past problems?

The Board requests the above questions be answered and forwarded to the Board Office for inclusion on the agenda of the next Finance Committee Meeting on April 11, 2012. It would be best to have this information prior to Notice publication on Wednesday, April 4th, or by the meeting date at latest.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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