

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012**

At a meeting of the **Health & Human Services Committee**, held Tuesday, January 24, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Moceri-Chair, Flynn, Frascchetti, Miller, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

DiMaria

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Moceri called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Chair Moceri moved item #6A to #8A. There were no objections.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Frascchetti, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #6A). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascchetti, supported by Miller, to approve the November 2 and December 7, 2011 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**UPDATE FROM AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B**

- a) **Receive and File Area Agency on Aging 1-B Year End Update on Administrative Match Program Outcomes and Activities for FY 2011**

Andrea Layman from Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 1-B addressed the committee on behalf of Tina Marzolf who had to leave to attend a meeting in Lansing. She referred to information provided in committee packets and overviewed their accomplishments for 2011, specifically relating to Macomb County.

Commissioner Flynn expressed concern about the state taxing pensions and that having a great impact on the low-income and also on small businesses in the area. Andrea Layman indicated she would check when the taxing will take effect and also try to compile data based on his inquiry.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascchetti, supported by Flynn, to receive and file the Area Agency on Aging 1-B year end update on administrative match program outcomes and activities for FY 2011. **The Motion Carried.**

- b) **Receive and File Correspondence Dated December 22, 2011 from Area Agency on Aging 1-B Requesting Payment of \$13,782.50 to Support AAA 1-B Administrative Activities**

Chair Mocerri reported the Finance Department did receive the bill from AAA 1-B and the check is in process.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Frascchetti, to receive and file correspondence dated December 22, 2011 from Area Agency on Aging 1-B requesting payment of \$13,782.50 to support AAA 1-B administrative activities. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECEIVE AND FILE MACOMB COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

Chair Mocerri indicated a representative was unable to attend today's committee meeting. She asked if there were any specific questions about the report that she could pass on to the Executive's Office. She pointed out some interesting statistics within the report.

Commissioner Flynn was interested in having a representative attend a future committee meeting. A topic of interest is to analyze other counties and how their caseload is operated in terms of how many examinations the medical examiner performs.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Frascchetti, supported by Miller, to receive and file the Macomb County Medical Examiner's Office 2010 Annual Report. **The Motion Carried.**

### **VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

Kermit Harris overviewed his monthly report. He then spoke about two new initiatives being undertaken: 1) a new cooperative effort with the DHS and 2) the Veterans' Treatment Court. He reported the Vietnam Veterans of America traveling wall will be displayed on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he spoke in support of the upcoming Veterans' Millage that is up for renewal this year.

Chair Mocerri noted Corporation Counsel is drafting the Veterans' Millage language and it should be coming before this committee next month. She then thanked Kermit Harris for including the minutes from the Veterans' Commission meetings in his monthly report.

Commissioner Frascchetti was curious if the Veterans' Services Department has adequate staffing levels. Kermit Harris said they have two positions they are looking to fill.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Flynn, supported by Frascchetti, to receive and file the monthly status report for December 2011 as submitted by Kermit Harris, Director of Veterans' Services Department. **The Motion Carried.**

### **RECEIVE AND FILE VETERANS BROCHURE**

Attached to the final agenda was a colored copy of the flyer.

Chair Mocerri informed commissioners that NACo launched a veterans network of care initiative and wondered if the Veterans' Services Department was interested in pursuing it.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Frascchetti, to receive and file the veterans brochure. **The Motion Carried.**

### **UPDATE ON UPCOMING CONFERENCE, "ALL ABOUT FOOD: FROM FARM TO FORK"**

Kathe Hale gave an update on the upcoming All About Food Conference and the variety of activities that will be offered. She spoke about the need to create and develop new farmer education programs. She expressed concern that the majority of local farmers' markets in Macomb County do not accept the Bridge card.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Frascchetti, to receive and file the update on the upcoming conference, "All About Food: From FARM to FORK." **The Motion Carried.**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOOD INITIATIVE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Chair Mocerri gave an overview of the two-page draft proposal.

Commissioners Flynn, Mocerri and Miller spoke in support of the proposal. Topics discussed included: researching the most effective top three ways county government can do to remedy this situation, utilizing land both in the North and South ends of the county, so fresh produce can be harvested, and increase the amount of pounds to meet the continued demand for food.

Kathe Hale addressed the committee.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY MILLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOOD INITIATIVE. 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.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Flynn, to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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Committee Reporter