

**WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 2, 2021 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm**  
**Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)**

**Members in Attendance:**

Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Councilperson Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Supervisor Ken Schwartz (Superior Township); Trustee Linda Adams (Augusta Township); Mayor Lois Richardson (City of Ypsilanti); Michelle Aniol (Community Development Manager, City of Dexter); Michael Radzik (Office of Community Standards Director, Ypsilanti Township); Mike Greene (Assistant City Manager, City of Saline); Trustee Sandie Schulze (Sylvan Township); Supervisor Will Hathaway (Scio Township).

**Communities Absent:** Bridgewater Township; Dexter Township; Lima Township; Manchester Township; Northfield Township; Salem Township; Saline Township; Webster Township; York Township.

**Facilitator:** Commissioner Sue Shink

**OCED Staff Present:** Sharde Crutchfield; Tara Cohen.

**Guests:** Alize Asberry Payne (County Office of Racial Equity); Jimena Loveluck (Washtenaw County Health Department); Lamar Weir (Office of Congresswoman Dingell)

Meeting called to order: 2:05 PM

Chair Shink noted current technology challenges with accessing her meeting packet and asked Ms. Cohen to take the roll call and facilitate the meeting as needed.

Cohen announced that closed captioning is turned on in Zoom, and individuals can choose to turn it off using the *Live Transcript* button. She also shared that, due to a medical issue limiting her use of voice, Michelle Aniol will be participating by texting OCED’s Sharde Crutchfield, for Crutchfield to read aloud Aniol’s comments throughout meeting.

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Cohen took roll call during which each member stated their name and physical location (i.e. City or Township, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan).

Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township  
Nelson: Participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor  
Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township  
Aniol: Participating remotely from City of Dexter  
West: Participating remotely from City of Westland  
O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township  
Schulze: Participating remotely from Sylvan Township  
Greene: Participating remotely from City of Saline  
Schwartz: Participating remotely from Superior Township  
Radzik: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township  
Richardson: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti

**I. Public Comment**

- Lamar Weir introduced himself from Congresswoman Dingell’s office, noting that he is in attendance to listen for important updates.

**II. Announcements – None.**

**III. Minutes**

**A. 5-5-21 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (ACTION)**

*Moved by Richardson. Support by Adams.*

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yes

O’Connell: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Greene: Yes

Schwartz: Yes

Richardson: Yes

Radzik: Yes

Ayes – 11; Nays – 0; **Motion carried.**

**IV. General Administration**

**A. County Health Officer’s COVID-19 Update (Jimena Loveluck, WCHD)**

Jimena Loveluck presented slides on COVID 19 and the County’s status of vaccination distribution, positivity rates, case trends, upcoming changes to statewide broad epidemic orders, and more. Please see slides [here in the updated June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting packet](#) (slides start on page 8).

Following her presentation, Loveluck responded to a variety of questions from Committee members and staff.

**B. Update on 2021 CDBG Allocation; Updates to FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan (Tara Cohen, OCED)**

Cohen explained that HUD contacted the County on May 14<sup>th</sup> to correct an error in its CDBG formula calculation, noting that the new, corrected allocation represents an increase of \$32,363 in CDBG funds. Cohen referenced the detailed table included in the meeting packet’s agenda summary showing the specific increase in CDBG funding by activity. There were no questions or discussion among members. Cohen asked for a member to move to approve the updated 2021 Action Plan using the suggested motion language in their packet, noting that the Board of Commissioners is scheduled to approve the Plan at their meeting tonight.

**C. Approval of updated FY2021-22 Annual Action Plan (ACTION) (Tara Cohen, OCED)**

*Motion: The Urban County Executive Committee approves the final 2021 Annual Action Plan -- reflecting a \$32,363 increase in CDBG funding that resulted from HUD’s recent correction of its formula calculations – and recommends that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners follow suit in adopting the Plan at their meeting on June 2, 2021.*

*Moved by Hathaway. Support by Schwartz.*

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Greene: Yes

Schwartz: Yes

Richardson: Yes

Radzik: Yes

Ayes – 11; Nays – 0; **Motion carried.**

**D. COVID-related Programs and Resources**

1) COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program (Teresa Gillotti, OCED)

Sharde Crutchfield explained that Gillotti was unable to make today's meeting to provide this update, however OCED Human Services Manager Morghan Boydston will attend the July meeting to share updates related to the CERA Program.

**E. General Updates**

1) HUD Proposed Rule re: Equal Access to HUD programs/facilities

Cohen shared that recently HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge announced that HUD is withdrawing the Trump administration's proposed rule that would have significantly weakened the 2016 Community Planning & Development (CPD) Equal Access Rule. She explained that the Equal Access Rule in intended to ensure equal access – regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity - to all of HUD's CPD programs, shelters, other buildings/facilities, benefits, services, and accommodations. Cohen then referenced the links in the packet agenda summary to Secretary Fudge's press release as well as to resources to assist providers implement the Equal Access Rule.

2) Minor updates to Summary of Planned Activities Tables (2019)

Cohen referenced the 2019 Summary of Planned Activities Tables in the meeting packet, which shows minor updates in pink font to reflect reprogramming of various project funds within 3 of the local units - Pittsfield Township, Superior Township, and Ypsilanti Township. She explained that these updates are informational only (i.e. no action required) and intended for transparency about where/how CDBG funds are being spent.

3) Community Announcements/updates (All)

- Mayor Richardson announced that Ypsilanti City Council voted last night to allow large events only when the City's weekly COVID rates are averaging 400 or below. Lamar Weir of Congresswoman Dingell's office asked whether this meant that Pride events are still up in the air. Richardson confirmed that this is correct.
- Shink asked Weir how Congresswoman Dingell is doing and asked that he please pass along her well wishes and thanks. Weir stated that she is doing well, following doctor's orders and getting as much rest as possible.

**V. Adjournment**

*Richardson moved to adjourn. Support from Hathaway.*

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjourned: 2:48 PM

**Next Meeting: Wed., July 7, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote via Zoom**