

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Members in Attendance:

Treasurer Brenda McKinney (Superior Township); Supervisor Brenda Stumbo (Ypsilanti Township); Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield 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).

Members Absent: Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Supervisor Laurie Fromhart (Bridgewater Township); Supervisor Diane Ratkovich (Dexter Township); Supervisor Duane Luick (Lima Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township); Supervisor Ken Dignan (Northfield Township); Supervisor Gary Whittaker (Salem Township); Supervisor Jim Marion (Saline Township); Supervisor John Kingsley (Webster Township); Supervisor Charles Tellas (York Township).

Facilitator: Commissioner Sue Shink

OCED Staff Present: Heidi Johnson; Morghan Williams Boydston; Sharde Crutchfield; Tara Cohen.

Guests: Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity); Jimena Loveluck (Washtenaw County Health Department).

Meeting called to order: 2:03 PM

I. Roll Call

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Chair Shink 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
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
Radzik: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township

Three additional members joined the meeting after the initial roll call:

Richardson: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti
McKinney: Participating remotely from Superior Township
Stumbo: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township

II. Public Comment

- Chris Brown introduced himself from Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley; he provided a comprehensive overview of Habitat’s outcomes for Fiscal year 2020-21 which just came to a close – some highlights mentioned were: 11 new units created, 430 households served, 924 refrigerators fixed, 83 aging-in-place projects.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

- a. Extension of CDC Eviction Moratorium to July 31 – Cohen noted that CDC extended the eviction moratorium for one final time, now set to end at the end of this month (July).
- b. MDHHS State Emergency Relief to Low-income Residents needing home repairs due to flooding – Cohen referenced the press release included in the meeting packet, noting that she also emailed the same information to everyone recently. She explained that applicants must apply through the [Michigan Bridges](#) website, which is a site for public assistance programs and other state/local resources.

IV. Minutes

- a. 6-3-21 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (**ACTION**)

Moved by Hathaway. Support by Schulze.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

Radzik: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

Schulze: Yes

West: Yes

O’Connell: Yes

Greene: Yes

Ayes – 8; Nays – 0; **Motion carried.**

V. 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, and more. Please see slides [here in the updated July 7th meeting packet](#) (slides start on page 9).

- b. Presentation: OCED Weatherization Program (Heidi Johnson, OCED)

OCED’s Weatherization & Housing Rehab Specialist Heidi Johnson presented slides on the Weatherization Assistance Program. The presentation included program overview, eligibility, and contact information to begin the application process. Slides can be found on page 9 [here in the updated July 7th meeting packet](#).

- c. COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program Updates (Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED)
 - 1) Status of program, application rates
 - 2) CERA Application User Guide

OCED Human Services Manager Morghan Williams Boydston presented on the recently launched [COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#), known as CERA, which provides assistance for rent, utilities, and internet for qualifying individuals and families. Boydston noted that 1180 applications have been received to date, and just over 300 payments had been issued. She explained the complicated workflow for processing CERA applications, and made note of the new [CERA User Guide](#) that was recently released by OCED in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to assist applicants through a lengthy

online application process. Slides can be found on page 29 [here in the updated July 7th meeting packet](#).

d. UCEC Designee Forms (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen reminded committee members that the Fiscal Year 21-22 UCEC Designee forms were due July 2nd. For those who have not contacted her by July 16 - either with a new designee form, or a note stating no change to designees on file – she will assume no change when updating the Committee roster.

e. General Updates

1) Member Announcements - Adams mentioned an elderly resident in Augusta was inquiring about transportation services to get to and from medical appointments. Williams Boydston mentioned The Ride and Barrier Busters as two possible resources, noting that in both cases the person seeking service would be required to make the request at least 48 hours in advance.

2) Reminder: No meeting in August

VI. **Public Comment** - None

VII. **Adjournment**

Hathaway moved to adjourn. Support from Adams.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 3:06 PM

Next Meeting: Wed., September 1, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote via Zoom