

Michigan Health Endowment Fund  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 27, 2016  
Lansing Radisson, 111 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

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Meeting Minutes

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**Call to order**

The board meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (“MHEF”) was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Fowler.

**Roll call**

A quorum was determined based on the presence of the following Board Members:

**Board Members present:**

Rob Fowler  
Lynn Alexander  
Tim Damschroder (by phone)  
Sue Jandernoa  
Keith Pretty  
Michael Williams (arrived 1:05)  
Alexis Wiley (arrived 2:03)

**Absent:**

James Murray  
Cindy Estrada

**Others present:**

Paul Hillemonds  
Terry Gardner  
Julie Skubik  
Laurie Solotorow  
Becky Cienki  
Kari Sederburg  
Hayley Roberts  
Megan Murphy  
Duane Tarnacki – Clark Hill PLC

**Approval of agenda:**

Chairman Fowler asked if there were any comments regarding the agenda, which was approved without objection.

Agenda order revised until quorum present.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**CEO Report:**

Mr. Hillegonds welcomed new Board Member Alexis Wiley to the Fund. Ms. Wiley serves as Chief of Staff to Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. Ms. Wiley participated in a half-day orientation session with Chairman Fowler and staff and he indicated that this will be a practice for all incoming Board Members.

Mr. Hillegonds formally welcomed the new Fund staff members who have joined since the March Board Meeting; Senior Program Officer Kari Sederburg, Communications Officer Haley Roberts, Grants Manager Megan Murphy and Program Fellow Janet Olszewski. Janet Olszewski will help develop evaluation and learning strategies.

Mr. Hillegonds explained that the Healthy Aging grant cycle was announced in June and applications will be due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Proposals will be reviewed by the staff and the Grantmaking Committee in the fall, and recommendations will be made to the full Board at the November Board Meeting. The program officers are exploring partnerships with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Special Project grant cycle. Applications will be due August 30<sup>th</sup> and proposals will be recommended at the November Board Meeting.

Mr. Hillegonds acknowledged the hard work of Terry Gardner in developing the Medigap Subsidy Program. Board Members, state government stakeholders, insurance carriers and senior advocacy groups were contacted before the launch of the program. He then called upon Mr. Gardner to give an update on the Medigap Subsidy Program. Mr. Gardner reported that the website and call center are up and running to assist customers. The online applications will be available October 1, 2016 thru the website, phone or mail. There are five insurance carriers participating in the plan and he is working to expand with additional carriers to expand participation.

**Learning Presentation:**

Peter Pratt, President, Public Sector Consultants, made a presentation to the Board on the results of the scan of health care philanthropy in the state of Michigan. He noted that the Fund will become the largest health care funder in Michigan within the next 3-5 years. A copy of the report can be found at: <http://healthendowmentfund.org/news/research-and-publications>.

Chairman Fowler noted that a quorum was present.

**Review and approval of the minutes from the previous meetings:**

Board Member Alexander moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting of March 24, 2016 with one correction. Randy Walainis is a citizen of Michigan and not representing Metro Health Foundation as stated during the Public Comment section. Board Member Jandernoa seconded. Motion passed six to zero.

Board Member Alexander moved to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting of June 29, 2016. Board Member Jandernoa seconded. Motion passed six to zero.

Board Member Damschroder departed the meeting.

**Learning Presentation:**

Brett Tillander and presenters from the Michigan Alliance of Boy & Girls Clubs reported to the Board the findings and successes of the 2014 grant. Several Board Members asked questions of the presenters, including the organization's engagement in the Flint community, the impact of the lead issues in Flint, underlying causes of the poor vaccination rates in certain areas served by clubs, and the focus of the Boys & Girls Clubs through the remainder of the grant period. [The materials can be found here](#) (PDF).

The following people presented to the Board:

Tauzzari Robinson, Boy & Girls Clubs of Greater Flint  
Brian Saxton, Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor  
Dr. Dirk Hightower, Children's Institute  
Dr. Elliott Attisha, Henry Ford Health System  
Sandra Walden, Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club  
Dr. Terry Gordon, Healthy Michigan Today, Volunteer Consultant  
Steve Gustafson, DDS, Michigan Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

**Investment Committee:**

Mr. Gardner, on behalf of Committee Chair Damschroder, reported to the Board the results of the Investment Committee meeting and financial statements, which were included in the board material. Mr. Gardner reported that the Committee held its first quarterly meeting with Northern Trust since they were hired in April. The implementation of the investment strategy is proceeding as planned, and the portfolio is up almost \$2 million since implementation. Mr. Gardner also reported on the status of the financial statements and the monthly meetings between himself and Mr. Damschroder.

Board Member Wiley joined the meeting.

**Executive and Compensation Committee:**

Chairman Fowler welcomed new Board Member Alexis Wiley. The following motion was made by Board Member Alexander and seconded by Mr. Williams:

RESOLVED, that Alexis Wiley, be and she hereby is, appointed to serve as a voting member of the Governance and Investment Committees, to serve for a term commencing with her appointment and continuing until the next annual meeting of the Fund or until her resignation or removal by the Board.

The vote passed six to zero.

Chairman Fowler reported that the Board is in the process of developing a CEO evaluation. A formal evaluation will be complete by year end.

**Grantmaking Committee:**

Committee chair Jandernoa reported the Grantmaking Committee met on June 29, 2016 to review a total of 131 proposals. The review process included input from subject matter experts from various disciplines, with adherence to the criteria outlined in the RFP. The Grantmaking Committee looked for behavioral health projects that focused on health integration and workforce capacity building, innovative models and a strong potential for sustainability. There were 60 Behavioral Health Grant proposals received and 11 were recommended for approval. The Grantmaking Committee recommended a total of \$4,670,000 in funding which will allow an additional \$330,000 to be used for behavioral health related projects under the Special Projects and Emerging Ideas Grant Opportunity in the next grant cycle. The list of recommendations were:

1. Behavioral Health Home Replication/ Kent County CMH Authority d/b/a Network180
2. Brief Strategic Family Therapy/ Easter Seals Michigan
3. Coordinated Care for the Homeless: An Interdisciplinary Approach/ Volunteers of America Michigan
4. Helping Michigan's Kids Grow: Piloting an Intensive Evidence-Based Behavioral Feeding/ University of Michigan
5. Psychiatric Services for Youth through Community Healthcare (PSYCH)/ The Corner Health Center
6. Ruth Ellis Integrated Health & Wellness Center/ Ruth Ellis Center, Inc.

7. The Safe Passages Mentoring Program/ D.A. Blodgett-St. John's
8. The Trauma and Stress Relief Project for Flint's Children/ Spectrum Child and Family Services
9. TRAILS to Behavioral Health: Translating Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students/ The Regents of the University of Michigan - CBT Schools
10. Using School-Based Telemedicine to Improve Behavioral Health Outcomes in Rural SE Michigan/ Family Medical Center of MI
11. Washington Elementary School Family Health Initiative/ M.P.A. Group

Chairman Fowler asked all Board Members to identify any potential grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest with the 11 proposals. There were no conflicts.

Ms. Jandernoa moved to approve all 11 grants recommendations as listed above and Mr. Pretty seconded.

The vote passed six to zero.

Next, Ms. Jandernoa reported that 71 Responsive Grant proposals were received and reviewed. The Fund placed an emphasis on projects that related to infant mortality and health access for foster and adopted children. Proposals were received that addressed all eight focus areas of the Fund. The following 37 proposals were recommended by the Grantmaking Committee for funding consideration totaling \$3,002,271.00:

1. A Healthy Start at Life/ St. Joseph Mercy Health System
2. Addressing Infant Mortality Disparities by In-depth Pregnancy Assessment/ Michigan State University
3. BE Nutritious Banks and Pantries/ Barry-Eaton District Health Department
4. Centering Pregnancy/ Michigan Health Improvement Alliance
5. Community-based Doula Accreditation Program (CBDAP)/ Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association
6. dCare - Improving the Health of Care Managers/ Area Agency on Aging 1-B
7. Desde el Primer Momento/ MHP Salud
8. Detroit Food Academy School-Based Program/ Detroit Food & Entrepreneurship Academy
9. Developing Accessible Health-Related Training for Kinship Caregivers/ Michigan State University School of Social Work
10. Double Up Food Bucks - Flint Expansion/ Fair Food Network
11. Enhancing Awareness of and Services to Treat Pre-diabetes Across the UP/ UPCAP Services, Inc.
12. Enhancing Perinatal Father Engagement in Health Care Settings/ University of Michigan
13. Flint Water Crisis Recovery Effort/ Community Foundation of Greater Flint
14. Foster CARE (Coordinating Access to Resources and Education)/ Macomb Children's Healthcare Access Program
15. Grandparent-raised Support Services/ Genesee Health Plan
16. Growing Healthy Seniors/ Growing Hope
17. Growing Urban Farms in Detroit/ Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation
18. Healthy Mothers on the Move/Madres Saludables en Movimiento/ Community Health and Social Services (CHASS)
19. Improving Access to Healthy, Fresh Food for Kids in Northwest Michigan/ Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities
20. Improving Health Outcomes for Foster Children and Youth/ Pediatric Foundation of Michigan
21. Innovative Frameworks/ The Baldwin Center Inc.

22. JED Campus Program for Michigan Colleges and Universities/ The Jed Foundation
23. Kalamazoo Infant Mortality Community Action Initiative/ YWCA Kalamazoo
24. Leveraging Technology to Improve Outcomes for Michigan's Children in Foster Care/ Altarum Institute
25. Make Your Date: Detroit's Plan to Reduce Preterm Birth/ Wayne State University School of Medicine - Department of OB
26. MORE (MAGIC, Ozone, REACH, Education) Support Project/ Ozone House Youth and Family Services
27. Northern Michigan PACE - Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly/ Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation
28. Pediatric Fruit and Vegetable Prescription for Healthy Eating Model/ Munson Healthcare Foundations
29. Piloting CSA Shares as a Tool to Fight Childhood Obesity and Hunger/ Michigan Environmental Council
30. Project Re:form/ Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
31. Reducing Rapid Repeat Pregnancies/ Corner Health Center
32. Refugee Health Access/ St. Vincent Catholic Charities
33. Safe Baby Academy - Protecting Your Sleeping Baby/ Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation
34. Strong Beginnings Intervention (MOM Power)/ The Guidance Center
35. Tele-psych Technology Implementation/ The Judson Center
36. Trauma Informed Supervised Visitation/ Growth Works
37. Women-inspired Neighborhood Network: Detroit's Enhanced Group Prenatal Care/ Henry Ford Health System

Chairman Fowler asked all Board Members to identify any potential grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest with the 37 proposals. There were no conflicts.

Mr. Williams moved to approve all 37 grant recommendations as listed above and Ms. Jandernoa seconded.

The vote passed six to zero.

The next item was consideration of a resolution relating to the United Way for Southeastern Michigan Detroit Water Fund emergency grant in 2014. Ms. Alexander made the following motion and Mr. Williams seconded.

RESOLVED, that the United Way for Southeastern Michigan be and it hereby is authorized to distribute to Wayne Metro Community Action Agency uncommitted funds from the 2014 grant and to distribute an amount equal to committed but unpaid assistance to Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, in the amounts of \$240,896 and \$235,748, respectively, or such other amounts as determined through final reconciliation, and that any further responsibilities of United Way of Southeastern Michigan under the 2014 grant be and they hereby are terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of MHEF are hereby directed and authorized to enter into an agreement with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency regarding the final reporting of the sub grant funds from United Way of Southeastern Michigan and to take such other actions and execute such documents as they deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate the above resolutions.

The vote passed five to zero. Ms. Wiley abstained.

The Board thanked the applicants and encouraged those not successful in this grant round to continue ongoing conversations with the Fund.

**New Business:**

Chairman Fowler asked if there were any new business to consider. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Skubik  
Secretary of the meeting