

Michigan Health Endowment Fund Executive Committee Meeting

February 22, 2017

10:00 am

Meeting Minutes

Board Members present:

Tim Damschroder

Sue Jandernoa

Lynn Alexander

Keith Pretty

Others in attendance:

Paul Hillegonds

Terry Gardner

Julie Skubik

Duane Tarnacki

Board Chair Damschroder moved to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2017 Executive Committee meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Alexander.

Mr. Gardner gave an update on the Medigap Subsidy program. An outreach and communications strategy is being developed to make more people aware of the subsidy. Mr. Gardner has met with 11 organizations to help spread the word about the subsidy. Mr. Gardner reported that he anticipates recommending that the income threshold be increased to 225% FPL. He also plans to recommend a mid-year 2017 enrollment for the expanded eligibility group. The committee was supportive of these recommendations.

Mr. Hillegonds reported on visits with state legislators in order to keep them informed about Fund programs. Mr. Hillegonds and Mr. Gardner recently met with Senator Mike Kowall and Representative Hank Vaupel. Upcoming meetings will include Mr. Damschroder and Mr. Fowler and are scheduled with Speaker Tom Leonard, Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof and Senator Mike Shirkey.

Ms. Jandernoa reported that the committee has reviewed the grant applications for the 2017 Community Impact Grants and Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles Grants. Recommendations for final approval of the submitted proposals will be presented at the March board meeting.

The committee reviewed and approved a draft of the agenda for the March 28, 2017 board meeting.