

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in Conference Room 4B Roll was called. Results as follows:

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	ALSO PRESENT
William Chickering	X		Mac Elliott, Bill Wolf, Nicki Britten,
Teri Sue Freehling	X		Lex Winans, Chris Renna, Marla McCowan
Dave Vollrath	X		
			Shelley Jasper

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- Meeting called to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Motion by Commissioner Freehling, supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 meeting. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Vollrath, supported by Commissioner Freehling to approve the monthly pension refunds as presented. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Resolution P1903003, a Resolution approving the per diem payments for the month of February totaling \$5,595.66 was reviewed and signed by all Committee members.
- Resolution P1903180, a Resolution to authorize the Parks Department staff to apply for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for the purchase of property adjacent to the Paw Paw River Park was reviewed and signed by all Committee members.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nicki Britten, Health Officer, presented and discussed the following Resolutions, which were signed by all Committee members.

Resolution P1903174

Title: Safe Sleep Educator Contract

Type of Resolution: Contract for Services

Financial Implication: Maximum of \$1,000

Main Points: The sleep-related infant death rate in Berrien County is greater than the overall rate in Michigan and promoting safe sleep environments for infants is among the top priorities for Michigan’s Infant Mortality Reduction Plan. Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) wishes to contract with Ms. Patrice Lohraff to conduct educational presentations arranged by BCHD staff promoting safe sleep at Berrien County Public Libraries and pre-arranged community groups, and/or events. Ms. Lohraff will invoice BCHD upon completion of each safe sleep presentation/event in the amount of \$50.00 per presentation. Payment will be made by BCHD within 45 days of receipt of each invoice. The contract is in effect beginning April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

Resolution P1903175

Title: Niles DART 4X4 Partnership Agreement

Type of Resolution: Contract for Services

Financial Implication: \$2,500

Main Points: BCHD is the recipient of a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for support of a project under the Michigan Health and Wellness 4X4 Plan in order to implement strategies related to policy, systems, and environmental change to impact nutrition and physical activity (accepted under Resolution P1811365). The grant work plan includes partnering with Niles Dial-A-Ride Transit on activities related to planning extended transportation service area to include portions of Cass County connecting vulnerable populations to needed medical services at the Niles Community Health Center. Berrien County Health Department wishes to enter into a partnership agreement with Niles Dial-A-Ride Transit with a contract total of \$2,500 during an agreement period of April 1, 2019 through September 30th, 2019 to provide support for planning and assessment activities as well as gather stakeholder feedback as plans develop for improved transportation service.

Resolution P1903176

Title: Southwest Michigan Planning Commission 4X4 Partnership

Type of Resolution: Contract for Services

Financial Implication: \$2,500

Main Points: BCHD is the recipient of a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for support of a project under the Michigan Health and Wellness 4X4 Plan in order to implement strategies related to policy, systems, and environmental change to impact nutrition and physical activity (accepted under Resolution P1811365). The grant work plan includes partnering with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to assist with planning efforts in the expansion of the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail from Niles to Berrien Springs via the Interurban Rail Line corridor. Berrien County Health Department wishes to enter into a partnership agreement with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission with a contract total of \$2,500 during an agreement period of April 1, 2019 through September 30th, 2019 to provide support for planning, assessment, and mapping activities related to the proposed expansion of the Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail.

Resolution P1903177

Title: Niles History Center 4X4 Partnership Agreement

Type of Resolution: Contract for Services

Financial Implication: \$2,500

Main Points: BCHD is the recipient of a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for support of a project under the Michigan Health and Wellness 4X4 Plan in order to implement strategies related to policy, systems, and environmental change to impact nutrition and physical activity (accepted under Resolution P1811365). The grant work plan includes partnering with the Niles History Center to complete plans for a historical site bicycle tour within the City of Niles to increase physical activity opportunities within the City. Berrien County Health Department wishes to enter into a partnership agreement with the Niles History Center with a contract total of \$2,500 during an agreement period of April 1, 2019 through September 30th, 2019 to provide support needed for the planning, assessment, and development of a historic site bicycle route in the City of Niles.

Resolution P1903178

Title: Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Funding

Type of Resolution: Grant Acceptance

Financial Implication: Increase of \$45,632

Main Points: The Michigan Legislature has appropriated a total of \$3 million dollars for the Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight grants that are available to counties for education, communication, and outreach. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is has allotted Berrien County funds totaling \$45,632 for education and outreach relating to the Michigan medical marihuana program. Berrien County Health Department would like to accept the funding of \$45,632 for the period of January 1, 2019 through September 15, 2019 to support prevention messaging ensuring Berrien County residents understand the best practices for safe, legal, and responsible use of medical marihuana.

Resolution P1903188

Title: SAMSHA Grant Application

Type of Resolution: Grant Application

Financial Implication: potential increase in funding of \$300,000/year for up to 5 years

Main Points: Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for fiscal year 2019 Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships for Success grants. SAMSHA contracts with local government agencies to support substance abuse prevention work such as building community coalition capacity to respond to community needs to prevent onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse and its related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the community level. BCHD desires to apply for the available funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 annually for up to 5 years, beginning September 30th, 2019 to support substance abuse prevention programming, including community capacity building to address root causes of substance abuse. Funding from this grant would be used to strengthen prevention capacity and infrastructure at the community level by strengthening coalitions, and working within schools and community settings addressing underage drinking, marijuana use, and opioid abuse.

Nicki also provided the following monthly updates:

- Michigan Association of Local Public Health is hosting a “day at the Capitol” on April 10, 2019. Staff from BCHD will participate and advocate for a strong public health agenda.
- A health equity documentary will be shown on March 28th at 3:30 in the Berrien County Conference Room
- There will be a community services roundtable in the Berrien County Conference Room on April 12th beginning at 8:30 a.m. The purpose is to better understand all participating agency community based resources.
- Water filter cartridges are still being distributed by the Health Department to affected individuals.

ADMINISTRATOR/CHAIRMAN

Chris Renna, Chief Public Defender, introduced Acting MIDC Regional Manager Marla McCowan. Ms. McCowan provided an update on the Michigan Indigent Defense Council standards implementation and on indigent defense in general in the State of Michigan.

Lex Winans, GIS Mapping Director, presented and explained Resolution P1903186, a Resolution to gift GIS digital parcel data to the cooperative invasive species group, to aid in their effort to fight the hemlock woolly adelgid. The Resolution was signed by all Committee members.

Administrator Wolf provided a strategic planning process update.

Adjourned 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper
Human Resources Director