

Michigan Health Endowment Fund  
Board Meeting  
May 14, 2020  
Zoom meeting

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Meeting Minutes

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**Call to order**

The board meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Damschroder.

**Roll call**

A quorum was determined based on the presence of the following board members:

**Board Members present:**

Tim Damschroder  
Lynn Alexander  
Keith Pretty  
Rob Fowler  
Michael Williams  
Henry Veenstra  
Sue Jandernoa  
Zaineb Hussein  
Tina Reynolds

**Others present:**

Paul Hillegonds  
Terry Gardner  
Julie Skubik

**Approval of agenda:**

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

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

Board Member Veenstra moved to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2020 and April 7, 2020 board meetings. Ms. Alexander seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Damschroder reported that the strategic planning process will begin at the August board retreat. The board discussed possible dates and it was determined to confirm a starting date after a decision is made on whether or not the Mackinac Policy Conference will be held.

**CEO Report:**

Mr. Hillegonds reported that the Health Fund squad and their families are healthy and safely sheltering in place during the COVID-19 crisis. He reported that Zoom, teleconferencing and emails are keeping the staff connected. He reported that the Health Fund has completed a Transportation in Michigan Report. The report is an assessment of transportation services and service gaps and how the Health Fund has been addressing the challenges.

Mr. Hillegonds thanked committee members for their time and support in reviewing the Community Health Impact proposals. Also, Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles proposals and Behavioral Health proposals are being reviewed by the Health Fund program teams and will be reviewed with committees in late July.

**Program Presentation:**

Program Officer Lynda Zeller updated the board on the Opioid Treatment Ecosystem Initiative. Rory Neuner presented the Transportation study report to the board members. Paul Hillegonds, Janet Olszewski and Terry Gardner presented a COVID-19 related update.

Ms. Hussein and Mr. Williams left the meeting.

**Audit Committee:**

Committee Chair Pretty reported that the audit has been completed and was presented at the March Audit Committee meeting. He noted that the audit report was “clean” and there were no exceptions noted in the financial statements. The committee voted to accept the audit and financial statements, which are posted on the Health Fund website. The following motion was made by Mr. Pretty and seconded by Mr. Veenstra.

WHEREAS, the 2019 audited financial statements of Michigan Health Endowment Fund, as presented by George Johnson and Company and accepted by the Audit Committee have been submitted to the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2019 audited financial statements as presented at the meeting be, and they hereby are, accepted.

The motion passed 7-0

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Pretty reported on the March 2020 financial statements and outlined changes from the budget. He reported that the Investment Committee met on March 24, 2020 to prepare for the 2020 contribution from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and to review the impact of the market turmoil caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan contribution of \$85 million was received on March 31, 2020, and \$28,050,000 has been invested in the endowment portfolio in accordance with the enabling statute. Alan Harris updated the board on the current status of the markets and the Health Fund's endowment portfolio.

**Grantmaking Committee:**

Ms. Jandernoa reported that the Grantmaking Committee met on April 30, 2020. Of the 160 Community Health Impact (CHI) proposals reviewed by staff, totaling \$12.6 million in requested funding, 52 proposals were recommended to the board for approval for funding totaling \$4.5 million. Program Officer Megan Murphy outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

## 2020 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT PROGRAM PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

	Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	Allen Neighborhood Center	Access to Healthy Food for Refugees	\$36,125
2	Alpena Area Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	Alpena Empowered Movement Program	\$100,000
3	American Cancer Society - NCR	FoodFit of Macomb County	\$81,620
4	Arbor Circle	Keep Early Education Positive (KEEP)	\$99,048
5	Arbor Circle	Medically Fragile Foster Care - Analysis and Planning	\$62,677
6	Autism Alliance of Michigan	Addressing Psychiatric Boarding of ASD Patients in EDs	\$100,000
7	Bethany Housing Ministries, Inc D.B.A. Community Encompass	Muskegon Prescribes Food For Health	\$100,000
8	Bronson Health Foundation	Bronson CenteringPregnancy	\$31,750
9	Calvin University	Addressing Stigma: Lay Ambassadors for Mental Health	\$99,990
10	Chaldean Community Foundation	The Fun & Fit Health Program	\$90,425
11	Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan	Reducing Barriers to Mental Health Care for Foster Children and Families	\$100,000
12	Child and Family Charities	Mid-Michigan Trauma Collaborative	\$50,000
13	City of Dearborn	Dearborn PIPERS	\$95,990
14	Covenant Community Care, Inc.	Shared Mobility for Patients in Northwest Detroit	\$70,180
15	Detroit Area Agency on Aging	Coordinated Food Delivery Systems	\$100,000
16	Detroit Educational Television Foundation	PBS Healthy Kids: Preschool Partnership Initiative	\$90,000
17	District Health Department #10	Live Well for Your Heart	\$100,000
18	Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program	Seeded at the Table	\$85,000
19	Eastern Michigan University	The SOCIAL Partnership	\$100,000

20	Grand Rapids African American Health Institute	Closer to Care	\$89,420
21	Greater Detroit Area Health Council	I Choose Health Expansion Project	\$99,764
22	Health Department of Northwest Michigan	Integrating School Mindfulness Education District-Wide	\$100,000
23	Heart of West Michigan United Way	Birth Equity Through Doulas of Color	\$100,000
24	Henry Ford Health System	Building a Base of Evidence for Fresh Prescription	\$100,000
25	Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County	Video Based eVolunteering	\$100,000
26	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Debweyendan ("believe in it") Indigenous Gardens (DIGs)	\$100,000
27	Kids Kicking Cancer	Trauma in Transition	\$100,000
28	Lutheran Child and Family Services of Michigan Inc., D.B.A. Wellspring Lutheran Services	Wellspring Recovery High School	\$100,000
29	Lutheran Homes of Michigan, D.B.A. Wellspring Lutheran Services	Geriatric Substance Abuse Recovery Program (WSARP)	\$100,000
30	Michigan Chapter of the National Children's Alliance	Increasing Treatment Options for Child Victims	\$81,116
31	Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health	Michigan Model for Health Website Update	\$64,920
32	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Transportation Resources to Medicaid Beneficiaries	\$100,000
33	Michigan Public Health Institute	Birth Detroit Easy Access Clinic	\$100,000
34	Michigan State University	College Students as Family Caregivers Study	\$99,921
35	MidMichigan Health Foundation	Go Thrive!	\$100,000
36	Our Kitchen Table	Educate to Elevate	\$24,050
37	Pediatric Foundation of Michigan	Adolescent Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Program	\$89,143
38	Personalized Nursing LIGHT House	Extended Care Post discharge from Addiction Treatment	\$83,886
39	Porter Hills Foundation	Dementia Training to Reduce Caregiver Stress and Burnout	\$100,000
40	Project Healthy Community	Fresh Prescriptions	\$94,400
41	Spectrum Health Foundation	GREAT MOMs Expansion	\$100,000
42	Spectrum Health Lakeland Foundation	Pop-Up Art & Wellness Center: Pop into Resilience	\$55,474
43	Sturgis Area Community Foundation	St. Joseph County Fresh Food Distribution	\$70,000

44	Sylvester Broom Empowerment Village	North Flint Nutrition Collaborative	\$100,000
45	The Regents of the University of Michigan	Reducing Mental Health Challenges with Race-Related Therapy	\$100,000
46	The Regents of the University of Michigan	Pilot: Virtual, Peer-Led Trans Support Groups and Care	\$87,953
47	The Regents of the University of Michigan	Pop-Up Safety Town: Injury Prevention for Head Start Kids	\$99,469
48	Washtenaw County Community Mental Health	Young Adult Support Teams for those at High Risk for Suicide	\$99,552
49	Wayne State University	Strengths-Based Supervision	\$100,000
50	Wayne State University	Preventing Falls before they occur	\$100,000
51	West Midland Family Center	Healthy Habits for Life	\$15,600
52	Western U.P. Health Department	Preparing, Eating, and Choosing Healthy (PEACH)	\$100,000

Chairman Damschroder asked all board members to identify any of the recommended grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest. There were no conflicts.

Ms. Alexander moved to approve all 52 grant recommendations as listed above and Mr. Fowler seconded.

The vote passed 7-0.

Next, Program Officer Megan Murphy presented the capacity building proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

## 2020 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT CAPACITY BUILDING PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

	Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	Community Food Club	Community Food Club Model Replication Project	\$50,000
2	Community Housing Network, Inc.	Implementing a Trauma Informed Care Approach to Services	\$50,000
3	Ele's Place	Increasing Evaluation Capacity	\$50,000
4	Focus: HOPE	Design Thinking for the Food Justice Program	\$50,000
5	Food Gatherers	Community Voices Project: Integrating Equity into Evaluation	\$47,000
6	Greater Midland	Greater Midland: Growing our Sustainability	\$50,000
7	Health Net of West Michigan	Building Capacity Through Development of Internal Expertise	\$50,000
8	Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan, Inc.	SafeSpace: Environmental Health Home Screening Application	\$50,000

9	Holland Free Health Clinic	Increasing Access to Healthcare through Intake Enhancements	\$20,000
10	Little Brothers--Friends of the Elderly	Capacity Building for Donor Stewardship	\$50,000
11	Michigan Breast Feeding Network	2020 MIBFN Network Meetings and Community Conversations	\$50,000
12	Michigan Health Improvement Alliance	Optimizing Evaluation Metrics of the THRIVE initiative	\$49,995
13	Michigan Transportation Connection	ConnectUP	\$50,000
14	Mosaic Counseling	Integrated Database System	\$30,000
15	Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association	Capacity Building of César E. Chávez Farmers' Market	\$25,000
16	ShareCare of Leelanau, Inc.	The Costs and Benefits of Aging in Place	\$48,858
17	The Wayne County SAFE Program	Improving Services for Survivors of Sexual Violence	\$50,000
18	Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions	UPHCS - Evaluation Capacity Building Project	\$38,155

Chairman Damschroder asked all board members to identify any of the recommended grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest. There were no conflicts.

Mr. Pretty moved to approve all 18 grant recommendations as listed above and Mr. Veenstra seconded.

The vote passed 7-0.

Next, Program Director Becky Cienki presented a rapid response grant proposal submitted by Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network to the Health Fund, Flinn Foundation and other potential funders. Ms. Cienki recommended that the board approve a \$100,000 grant, to be provided in collaboration with the Flinn Foundation, for the Wayne County Teletherapy Expansion Program.

Chairman Damschroder asked all board members to identify any conflict of interest with the proposal. There were no conflicts.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the grant recommendation and Mr. Veenstra seconded. The vote passed 7-0.

Ms. Solotorow and Ms. Sederburg described and updated the board members on how their programs are continuing to monitor COVID-19 response funding and services and additional opportunities for collaboration.

#### **Executive and Compensation Committee:**

Chairman Damschroder asked Mr. Gardner to introduce new staff members.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Skubik  
Secretary of the meeting