

# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

9:00 A.M.

## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Matt Bowen, Rob Piercefield, Joseph Brehler, Lisa Deavers, Blake Mulder and Barbara Rogers

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioners Terrance Augustine and Brian Droscha; Colette Scrimger and Connie Sobie

The March 2, 2020, regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Pearl-Wright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approved the agenda, removing the Health and Recovery Center semi-annual report with the addition of an update on the coronavirus by Barry-Eaton Health Officer Collette Scrimger. Commissioner Deavers seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Deavers moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mulder moved to recommend approval of a resolution recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Deavers seconded. Motion carried.

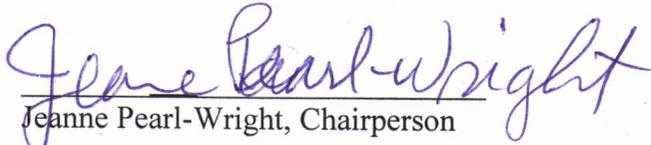
Commissioner Deavers moved to recommend approval of a resolution recognizing April as National County Government Month "Counties Matter", to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Commissioner Mulder commended Commissioner Pearl-Wright on the work she does on this initiative. Motion carried.

Colette Scrimger, Barry-Eaton District Health Department Health Officer, was present provide a briefing on the coronavirus. Ms. Scrimger provided an update on COVID-19 and the status of cases around the world, citing no known cases in Michigan and discussed the BEDHD current plans and actions, specifically communication with local, state and federal partners and Eaton County Emergency Management. Ms. Scrimger discussed strategies to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. The BEDHD is beginning plans if the virus affects our community and actions to be taken. She also provided information regarding testing for the virus and approval needed by either the local health departments or the State of Michigan due to the limited supply of tests. Ms. Scrimger discussed guidelines would be followed for school closures both locally and regionally and discussed evaluation of locations for quarantine facilities. Most individuals will stay at home during quarantine. Discussion held.

Commissioner Mulder indicated the PFAS test results are not back, but it has been longer than the six week estimated time frame.

Chairperson Pearl-Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on April 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, MI 48813.

  
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Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Chairperson

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 18, 2020**

**RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2020 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**Introduced by the Health & Human Services Committee**

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 62/139 declaring World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) be celebrated April 2, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, educators and other professionals who teach and care for individuals with autism, and

**WHEREAS**, in November, 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health Statistics Report concluded the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder has risen to one in every 45 children in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe, and is characterized by difficulty with social interaction, communication, severely limited interest and repetitive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, autism knows no racial, ethnic, family, income, lifestyle, social boundaries, or educational levels. It can affect any family and any child; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier DeGroat has dedicated his life to educating and promoting community support for those with autism through the creation of the Xavier DeGroat Autism Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, communities have a role, in identifying, assessing, or supporting individuals with ASD and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2, 2020 as World Autism Awareness Day and April 2020 as Autism Awareness Month encourages the residents of Eaton County to become educated and informed of programs, services, and opportunities to support individuals with autism.

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 18, 2020**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 2020 AS NATIONAL COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT MONTH “COUNTIES MATTER”**

**Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, Eaton County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

**WHEREAS**, under National Association of Counties President Mary Ann Borgeson’s leadership, NACo is demonstrating how “Counties Matter,” especially in supporting older adults, their families and caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Human Services Collaborative Council and the Tri-County Office on Aging seek to connect services to those in need with agencies and non-profit organizations in the community through partnership and outreach.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2020 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

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Terrance Augustine  
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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Diana Bosworth  
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners



February 27, 2020

While there are no current known cases of COVID-19 (new/novel coronavirus) in the state of Michigan (or Barry and Eaton Counties), Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) is preparing to address the situation should the virus begin to spread in the community. CDC states that current risk to the general American public is still low. BEDHD's current actions and plans are as follows:

- BEDHD is communicating with local, state, and federal partners to monitor the status of the outbreak. This includes county Emergency Management.
- Individuals returning from China who have been determined to have moderate risk of exposure to COVID-19 are being monitored for symptoms. These individuals have been encouraged to quarantine themselves at home for 14 days post-travel.
- If an individual in the district is diagnosed with COVID-19, BEDHD will begin using epidemiology techniques to locate and communicate with any additional individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19. This can reduce the spread of illness.
- BEDHD is reviewing existing emergency preparedness plans.
- BEDHD is preparing and sharing guidance for schools and healthcare providers.
- BEDHD will continue to educate the public on illness prevention strategies. There is no vaccine developed for COVID-19 at this time.

Illness prevention strategies reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and other illnesses that pose a threat to public health, such as influenza. Everyone in Barry and Eaton counties is encouraged to utilize the following strategies:

- Maintain good handwashing hygiene. People should wash their hands after going to the bathroom, after they cough or sneeze, before preparing food, and more. Hands should be washed with warm water and soap for at least 30 seconds.
- Get a flu vaccine. While the flu vaccine does not protect against coronavirus, the flu can be a serious illness and vaccinations are the best way to prevent getting the flu.
- Store extra food and supplies. People should consider keeping some additional food, supplies, and medication available in their homes. Avoiding places such as grocery stores when sick can prevent spreading illness to others.
- Stay home from work or school when ill. People with fevers should not go to work or school, and should stay home for 24 hours after the fever goes away without medicine.
- Disinfect surfaces that are touched often, such as phones, counters, and doorknobs using household sprays or wipes. Follow the instructions on the label.

Information on COVID-19 is developing daily. BEDHD will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action as necessary. More information on COVID-19 and the outbreak status can be found at <https://michigan.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.