

# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

9:00 A.M.

## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Jim Mott, Barbara Rogers, Tim Barnes, Mark Mudry, Blake Mulder, Jeanne Pearl-Wright and Dairus Reynnet

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Jeremy Whittum; Martha Richard (Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services) and John Fuentes

The March 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairperson Mott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Martha Richard, Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services (ECHRS), was present to provide the agency's semi-annual update. An update was provided on the facility's pandemic response, resident infections, zero fatalities, staff infections and vaccinations. It was reported that staffing is experiencing the effects of the nationwide nursing shortage and competition among providers. The agency continues to utilize agency nursing and is experiencing significant levels of mandated overtime. Discussion held.

These factors, combined with reduced occupancy to provide for isolation areas have resulted in a current operating loss of \$1 million. COVID relief funding has helped offset the current operating loss; however, the continuation of such funding into the future is not anticipated. Discussion held.

Chairperson Mott adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 9:00am in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.

  
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Jim Mott, Chairperson