BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
March 3, 2020  
BOARD ROOM

11:00 a.m. Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Communications  
Brief Public Comment (3-minute limit)  
Employee Comment  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Board minutes of February 19, 2020

NEW BUSINESS

11:15 a.m. MDHHS Annual Mecosta-Osceola Report/Jennifer Schmidt, Acting-Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Consent Agenda  
Non-Consent Agenda

Board Comments  
Extended Public Comment (6 minute limit)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board welcomes public comment. We appreciate your attendance and look forward to hearing any concerns you may have. We request that the following rules of procedure be followed:  
At the beginning and at the end of each board meeting, there is time to receive public comment from the audience.  
If you wish to address the Board, we ask that you stand, give your name and present your concern.  
If you wish to speak while the Board is addressing a specific issue, you are asked to make arrangements ahead of time with the Board Chairperson. No comments or questions will be taken at any other time.  
If you should require special assistance in order to attend the board meeting, please notify the County Clerk at (231) 832-3261 or the Board of Commissioner's Coordinator at (231) 832-6196, twenty-four (24) hours before the posted meeting time for arrangements to be made.
The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Chairman Jack Nehmer in the Courthouse.

Roll call: Commissioners Jack Nehmer, Tim Michell, Mark Gregory, Jill Halladay, Roger Elkins and Larry Emig were present. Absent: Commissioner Jim Custer.

Commissioner Michell offered a prayer.

Chairman Nehmer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Communications: None.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke to Board members about the upcoming MAC Legislative Conference in Lansing.

MOTION #1: Approve Board Agenda
Motion by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #2: Approve Board Minutes of February 4, 2020
Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the Board minutes of February 4, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #3: Approval of Consent Agenda
Motion by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to accept the following Committee recommendations of February 19, 2020.

MOTION #3A: Accounts Payable
Approve the accounts payable invoices for claims for the County in the amount of $81,908.25 and recommend the several amounts scheduled therein be allowed.

MOTION #3B: Budget Amendment & Treasurer’s Journal Register Report
Approve the budget amendment as presented and the County Treasurer’s Journal Register Report for February with January budget adjustments as presented.

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<td>Permanent Employees</td>
<td>101.335.702.003</td>
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MOTION #3C: Removal of Spending Freeze
Remove the $100 spending freeze to follow the County’s 2020 Expenditure Policy with the $250 limit.

MOTION #3D: Computer Request/Sheriff’s Department
Approve changing the 245 Capital Fund Request for the Sheriff’s Department computer and monitors purchase to one computer and 8 monitors for up to $1,000 and $1,200 respectively.
MOTION #3E: County Millage Renewals
Approve putting the C.O.A. and E.M.S. millage renewals on the ballot for the August primary with language approved at a future Board meeting.

MOTION #3F: Sale of 2011 Dodge Road Patrol Vehicle
Approve selling the 2011 Dodge Road Patrol vehicle with sealed bids and a minimum bid of $4,500.

MOTION #3G: United Way Grant FY 2020 Application
Approve submission of the United Way Grant FY 2020 Application and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Motion to approve the consent agenda recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 19, 2020 carried with six (6) yes votes. Absent: Commissioner Custer.

Board liaison reports were given.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk
Jack Nehmer, Chairman
Mission Statement

MDHHS provides opportunities, services, and programs that promote a healthy, safe, and stable environment for residents to be self-sufficient.

MDHHS Vision

Develop and encourage measurable health, safety and self-sufficiency outcomes that reduce and prevent risks, promote equity, foster healthy habits, and transform the health and human services system to improve the lives of Michigan families.

Board Members:

- Carolyn Curtin, Chair
- Glenn Bluhm, Vice Chair
- Carole Edstrom, Member
- Larry Emig, Osceola County Commissioner
Assistance Payments & Administrative Support

The primary programs within Assistance payments are the Family Independence Program (FIP or formerly cash assistance), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Medicaid and Affordable Health Care Act benefits (MA), State Emergency Relief (SER) and Child Development and Care (CDC). The programs are accessed and served by Eligibility Specialists and Family Independence Specialists. Administrative staff register all applications for assistance, scan and index documents, respond to customers and complete internal accounting tasks. Mecosta/Osceola DHHS had 20 staff and two managers overseeing Assistance Payments programs, which is an increase of one staff from 2018. Administrative Support staff increased from four to five in 2019.

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<th>Clients Served</th>
<th>Timely Processing</th>
<th>Funds Expended</th>
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<td>Family Independence Program</td>
<td>81 Avg.</td>
<td>96.89%</td>
<td>$159,072</td>
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<td>Food Assistance</td>
<td>2,661 Avg.</td>
<td>95.69%</td>
<td>$3,513,744</td>
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<td>Child Day Care</td>
<td>90 Avg</td>
<td>97.80%</td>
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<td>State Emergency Assistance</td>
<td>42 Avg</td>
<td>97.14%</td>
<td>$305,564</td>
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<td>Medicaid Programs</td>
<td>5,126 Avg.</td>
<td>96.23%</td>
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Adult Protective Services

Protective Services for adults are services designed to address conditions which cause neglect, abuse or exploitation of an adult who is vulnerable because of a mental or physical impairment or as a result of a competency determination by a health care provider. Independent living services are provided to adults who are vulnerable to assist them in maintaining continuity in placement or care. Mecosta/Osceola DHHS had three APS staff and one Program Manager overseen by the Business Service Center in 2018.

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<td>Home Help Services</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>96.43%</td>
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<td>Protective Services Complaints</td>
<td>231</td>
<td>93.07%</td>
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Children’s Protective Services

The Child Protection Law (Act 238) requires the agency to act upon any report of child abuse, child neglect or exploitation that is received by the agency, including any report on a child in foster care or a child without proper custody or care. Investigators determine if there is factual evidence to support a preponderance finding and are allowed a thirty-day period to do so. Ongoing CPS staff provide direct oversight and services in open cases where abuse or neglect has been established and the family is in need of intervention to safeguard the child(ren) in the home and maintain placement of the child(ren) in the home. Mecosta/Osceola DHHS had 13 CPS investigators and 5 CPS Ongoing workers in 2019, which was an increase of four workers from 2018.

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<th>Program Type</th>
<th>Cases</th>
<th>Timely Report Completion</th>
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<tr>
<td>Investigation</td>
<td>388</td>
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<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>88</td>
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Licensing

Our mission is to ensure protection to children who are receiving care from licensed agencies and facilities by enforcing rules and laws such as the Child Care Organizations Act (1973 PA 116).

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<th>Licensed Homes</th>
<th>Homes Pending Licensure</th>
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<td>50 – Mecosta &amp; Osceola</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>100%</td>
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Foster Care & Juvenile Justice

Foster care programming is provided to families to assist in the reunification efforts when a child(ren) are placed in care as a result of imminent safety risks. Reunification efforts are maintained for nine months after placement and then goal changes are evaluated based on legal standards and the progress of the case. Workers in these roles assist families in addressing barriers such as housing, substance abuse, domestic violence and lack of employment. The primary goal of Juvenile Justice Services under the Youth Rehabilitation Act (P.A. 150 of 1974) is to promote productive behavior on the part of high risk youth, to prevent them from becoming delinquent, and to prevent them from moving further into the system. Objectives include maintaining youth in school, work or training. Mecosta/Osceola has four foster care workers for 2019 which is a decrease of one worker. We are not allocated a juvenile justice worker, so these cases are absorbed into our foster care caseload.
Volunteer Services

This program is intended to provide services and resources where gaps are evident. The volunteer services program continues to coordinate the Gifts for Kids program annually and has facilitated a golf outing annually to assist with expenditures for this program. The program also assists with a grant application for a student clothing program for Evart Elementary and oversees the distribution of these funds. All volunteer transportation is scheduled, monitored and paid under the scope of this program. Last year approximately 7,100 transports were provided through DHHS. The number of volunteer transports of clients has increased by roughly 10% during this last calendar year. The number of volunteer drivers increased from 19 in 2018 to 24 in 2019. Coordination is occurring within both counties to identify funding sources and supports to maintain this increased level of services.

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<th>Volunteers</th>
<th>Volunteer Trips Provided</th>
<th>Other Services offered</th>
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<td>24</td>
<td>7,800</td>
<td>Gifts for Kids, P2P Clothing Grant and Golf Outing, Coat Distribution</td>
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Annual Highlights

Mecosta/Osceola DHHS continues to focus on practice improvements resulting from the CPS Audit results released in September 2018. Staff have participated in training and developed tools to help them better assess current safety and future risk and to develop more effective safety plans with families. This approach ensures the safety and well-being of children in the community and ensures children remain in their home whenever safely possible.

To increase partnerships and improve visibility in the community, DHHS as stationed an Assistance Payments (AP) staff in Reed City and Evart schools. Most recently we have added two CPS staff in Evart and both AP and CPS staff in Marion.
Mecosta/Osceola DHHS continued to partner with local law enforcement, Spectrum Health, CMH, Ferris State University, Big Rapids Housing Commission and other community partners to initiate structured child forensic interviewing through the development of the Open Arms Child Advocacy Center (OACAC). The OACAC is an independent non-profit 501c3 located in Big Rapids that serves Mecosta, Osceola, Lake and Newaygo counties. The OACAC Board hired a part time Executive Director and contracted forensic interviewer and the center is being utilized for coordination of child sexual abuse investigations.

DHHS partnered with Community Mental Health in Mecosta and Osceola counties to roll out a curriculum called Resilience Alliance (RA). The RA curriculum develops skills to build resilience to trauma. Participation was open to all staff regardless of position/title and the curriculum is delivered in a group format. The three groups consisted of both DHHS and CMH staff to foster relationships and understanding between programs.

Mecosta/Osceola DHHS has experienced a steady decrease in the number of foster children in care in both Mecosta and Osceola Counties over the last six years. There are currently 24 children in care in Osceola County (53 total for Mecosta/Osceola). In 2013 there were 120 children in care in Mecosta and Osceola Counties. This is a 44% reduction in the number of children in care. This continues to result in savings for the county due to decreased placement and court costs, as well as provided increased stability for families due to the department’s efforts to maintain children within their homes. The number of ongoing CPS cases has increased to accommodate this transition and appropriately serve families while still intact.

Mecosta/Osceola DHHS has been involved in the pilot of Universal Caseloads for assistance payments programs since 2018. This has modified the existing workload for all assistance payments programs from a case basis to tasks. Statewide roll out of the UCL system has been halted due to systemic issues that are impacting issuance of timely benefits for clients. Continued evaluation is occurring, and the local Mecosta/Osceola DHHS is actively involved in dialogue and meetings for proposed improvements.