

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2016

PRESENT: Comm. Stimpson, Bolton, Collins, Driskill, Knoblauch, Lapham, Tillotson, Wittenbach, and Bales.

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Kim Murphy, Irving Shaw, Jr., David Panian (The Telegram), Lindsay Garrison, Kim Murphy, Choyce Quigley, Jack Quigley, Jenny Escott, Ron Sutton, Marjorie Sutton, Gary Schmidt, Senator Dale Zorn, Shane Preston, Martin Marshall, Gabriel Schray (WLEN), and Roxann Holloway.

The meeting was opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2016, meeting, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda, Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read.

Senator Dale Zorn presented the following Vietnam Veterans with the 50th Anniversary Commemorative pin: Ron Sutton, Jack Quigley, Terry Collins, and Gary Schmidt. He thanked them for their dedication and service to our country.

Comm. Knoblauch moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, Comm. Driskill seconded. Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Consent Agenda:

PROCLAMATIONS:

1) STEPPING UP INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES IN JAILS **PRO#2016-003**

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses who require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, the cost of mental health staff to provide in-jail services, and the inability to obtain a psychiatric evaluation while the individual is incarcerated, hinders or precludes immediate assessment; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Lenawee County, Michigan is committed to protecting and enhancing the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Lenawee County 2A District Court has established an Enhanced Treatment Court, providing supportive probation with concurrent mental health services and community integration; and

WHEREAS, through *Stepping Up*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping Up*. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping Up* to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.

- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Personnel/Ways & Means (08/12/16)

Health Department Reorganization: Authorize the reorganization of the Environmental Division within the Health Department as presented.

Authorize the reorganization of the Personal Health Division of the Health Department as presented.

Lenawee Department on Aging Reorganization: Approve the personnel request as presented.

2015 Audit: Accept the 2015 Audit.

Finance Reports: Approve the budget adjustment as presented.

Stepping Up Initiative: Proclamation #2016-003 Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails.

Inmate Telephone contract: Approval of, and designating the Board of Commissioners as signatory, for Amendment #1 Inmate Telephone Service Agreement.

Human Services Building Parking lot: Approve an amount not to exceed \$27,900 for work on the Human Services Parking lot [from 502-283-930 HSB Bldg Repairs & Maintenance].

Comm. Wittenbach reported from Information Technology/Equalization Committee.

Comm. Driskill reported from the Human Services Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Rules & Appointment Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from Personnel/Ways & Means Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

July 21, 2016 - Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$1,684,573.97 with the general fund's portion being \$185,973.80 Comm. Wittenbach seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Aug. 4, 2016 - Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$1,313,886.62 with the general fund's portion being \$150,322.04 Comm. Knoblauch seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from Parks & Recreation Committee.

Comm. Driskill reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Department of Human Services.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Department on Aging.

Comm. Driskill reported from the Airport Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Knoblauch reported from the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the AG Committee.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Wittenbach inquired about the progress of the Sheriff's Dept. Project.

Administrator Marshall updated the board regarding the Sheriff's Dept. Project. He stated that the sub-committee has met with bond specialists regarding the options available. Once a report becomes available, the committee will share it with all the commissioners. Discussion followed.

Comm. Driskill asked if the proposed Solid Waste Committee's Plan was available.

Comm. Knoblauch informed the commissioners that it was available on the county website.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:16 P.M., Comm. Bolton seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

David Stimpson, Chair