

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 11th day of April, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, James Moore, Don Cooper, Ted Postula, Jesse Knoll, Don McLean and George Kinsella

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Knoll seconded by Commissioner Moore.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-07

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners will designate April 2011 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, there were 176,021 Michigan families investigated for suspected child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, there were 30,799 Michigan children confirmed to be victims of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2005-06, there were 45 Michigan children who died as a result of abuse, 44% who were between the ages of 1-4, and 49% of these children were under 1 year of age; and

WHEREAS, in 2005-06, there were 38 child neglect death cases, 13% were children between the ages of 1-4, and 63% were children younger than 1 year of age; and

WHEREAS, abused or neglected children have a higher risk in adulthood for developing health problems, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, a National Institute of Justice study indicated that abused or neglected children:

1. are 11 times more likely to be arrested for criminal behavior as juveniles; and
2. are 2.7 times more likely to be arrested for violent and criminal behavior as adults; and

WHEREAS, as estimated one third of abused or neglected children grow up to abuse or neglect their own children; and

WHEREAS, research has proven the success of quality home visitation, parenting-coaching and family support programs that prevent children from being abused or neglected, reduce subsequent delinquency, and improve other outcomes for children – including home visiting models like the Michigan Zero-to-3 Secondary Prevention Initiative, the Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families, Early Head Start, and Parents as Teachers; and

WHEREAS, providing community-based services to families at-risk or already impacted by child abuse or neglect may be far less costly than:

1. the emotional and physical damage inflicted on children who have been abused or neglected; and
2. providing to abused or neglected children services, including child protective, law enforcement, court, foster care, or health care services; or
3. providing treatment to adults recovering from child abuse; or

4. providing incarceration to convicted criminals of child abuse and neglect, and WHEREAS, child abuse or neglect has long-term economic and societal costs, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Chippewa County Board of Commissioner

1. designates April 2011 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month; and
2. recognizes and applauds the national, state, and community organizations and their skilled employees that work to promote awareness about child abuse or neglect, including by identifying risk factors and developing prevention strategies;
3. supports the proclamations issued on the state and federal levels declaring April 2011 as "Michigan Child Abuse Prevention Month" and "National Child Abuse Prevention Month"; and
4. should
 - (A) increase public awareness of prevention programs relating to child abuse or neglect; and
 - (B) continue to work with the state and federal level agencies in our community, state and nation.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Shackleton, Moore, Cooper, Postula, Knoll McLean and Kinsella

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

