

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

MDHHS BOARD MINUTES

Date: 2-6-2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: MDHHS – Conference Room

Board Meeting Called to Order.

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Christy Curtis, Chairperson

Roll Call

Present: Christy Curtis, Terri Bush, Tom Boger, Director Rose, Justin Jarvi, Leann Thompson
Member of the Public: Emily Oakes, LSSU Student

Approval of Agenda:

Terri Bush motioned to approve, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Boger motioned to approve minutes from January supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Contracts:

None

MDHHS Presentation:

None

County Budget:

January 2025

Terri Bush motioned to approve the request for 25 Food Only Walmart Gift Cards @ \$50.00 each = \$1250.00, supported by Tom Boger. Motion carried.

Tom Boger motioned to approve the request for payment of \$60.00 to EUPTA for client use of EUPTA tickets, 10 tickets at \$6.00 each = \$60.00, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried.
(Invoices #26113, 26213, and 26322)

Old Business:

Holly Bishop will be asked to attend the April board meeting to give an update and progress status on new program "Understanding the Purpose, 12 Teachings for Native Youth" Director Rose received clarification that youth that attend this program do not need to be Native.

New Business:

Christy Curtis told the board of a new program called Rx Kids. Cash prescription program for pregnant moms and babies. The program provides all pregnant moms in the program's community

with \$1500 cash during pregnancy; and \$500 a month during the baby's first month of life. Location of where residence determines eligibility for full Rx Kids program or the Perinatal Rx Kids Programs. The goal of the program is to improve infant and maternal health, the economic, and mental well-being of participants, and community wide outcomes. In 2025, Rx Kids will expand to other communities across Michigan. Press release will be coming out regarding this program with more details.

Board Comments:

None

Director Update:

Discussion on the following:

- David Knezek, Chief Operating Officer will be visiting the UP week of 2/24, will be stopping at the Chippewa office to meet with staff, has a full itinerary planned to spend the day and then travel to Marquette.
- Staffing update – vacancies
- MCSSA information was received on the budget, Director Rose will speak more on the budget after the State of the State address.

Next Meeting Scheduled:

Next meeting scheduled for 3/6/2025 has been rescheduled for 3/20/2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Notice will be posted at MDHHS.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Boger to adjourn, supported by Terri Bush. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Christy Curtis M.C. 4/3/25
Christy Curtis – Chairperson Date

Leann Thompson
Prepared by: Leann Thompson Date