

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Members in Attendance:

Treasurer Brenda McKinney (Superior Township); Supervisor Brenda Stumbo (Ypsilanti Township); Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Trustee Linda Adams (Augusta Township); Mayor Lois Richardson (City of Ypsilanti); Michelle Aniol (Community Development Manager, City of Dexter); Mike Greene (Assistant City Manager, City of Saline); Trustee Sandie Schulze (Sylvan Township); Supervisor Will Hathaway (Scio Township).

Members Absent: Supervisor Laurie Fromhart (Bridgewater Township); Supervisor Diane Ratkovich (Dexter Township); Supervisor Duane Luick (Lima Township); Supervisor Ronald Milkey (Manchester Township); Supervisor Ken Dignan (Northfield Township); Supervisor Gary Whittaker (Salem Township); Supervisor Jim Marion (Saline Township); Supervisor John Kingsley (Webster Township); Supervisor Charles Tellas (York Township).

Facilitator: Commissioner Sue Shink

OCED Staff Present: Morghan Williams Boydston; Tara Cohen.

Guests: Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity); Weneisha Brand (Ann Arbor Housing Commission).

Meeting called to order: 2:02 PM

I. Roll Call

Pursuant to [MCL 15.263 Sec.3](#), Cohen took roll call during which each member stated their name and physical location (i.e. City or Township, Washtenaw County, State of Michigan).

Stumbo: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township
Schulze: Participating remotely from Sylvan Township
McKinney: Participating remotely from Superior Township
O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township
Nelson: Participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor
Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township
Greene: Participating remotely from City of Saline
Richardson: Participating remotely from City of Ypsilanti
Aniol: Participating remotely from City of Dexter
West: Participating remotely from Pittsfield Township

One additional member joined the meeting after the initial roll call:

Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township

II. Public Comment

- Chris Brown introduced himself from Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley and stated Habitat’s excitement about the projects for the Washtenaw Recovery Plan to be discussed later on the agenda.

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff - None

IV. Minutes

a. 7-7-21 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (**ACTION**)

Moved by Richardson. Support by Stumbo.

ROLL CALL:

Stumbo: Yes

Schulze: Yes

McKinney: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

Greene: Yes

Richardson: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yest

Adams: Yes

Ayes – 10; Nays – 0; **Motion carried.**

V. General Administration

a. COVID-19 Written Update from County Health Officer Jimena Loveluck (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen shared highlights from Jimena Loveluck's written local updates on COVID-19, found on page 6 – 7 of the [meeting packet](#). Following Cohen's presentation, Stumbo asked if a County-wide mask mandate has been issued yet. Commissioner Shink responded that it had not, and that County is still working out issues with local units of government.

b. COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program Updates (Morghana Williams Boydston, OCED)

- i. Status of program and application rates - Boydston provided a verbal update on the CERA program, noting that 1,861 applications were currently in the queue, and over 500 have been processed to date with low numbers of denied applications. She noted over \$4mill has been disbursed to Washtenaw County applicants so far, with an average payment amount of \$7,500 per household for HAWC's batch of applications, and \$6,500 per houshoeld for SOS's batch. She mentioned that people who applied back in April for their first 3 months of rental assistance can no re-apply for the next 3 months of financial support (i.e. advance rental payments).
- ii. CDC Eviction Moratorium in place through October 3rd - Boydston noted that a press release from OCED would be coming out soon with advice to renters now that the Supreme Court has declared the CDC's eviction moratorium to be unconstitutional. She emphasized the important of not moving out of one's rental until until after one's CERA application has been processed, otherwise the person could be determined ineligible for assistance.

[Note: Press release was circulated to the UCEC and interested parties listservs on 9/9/21 immediately following release.]

c. Public Hearing – Draft 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen shared a three-page overview of the CAPER highlights from page 8-10 of the [meeting packet](#) and available on [this page](#) of the OCED website (click the CAPERS tab) and is included in your meeting packet.

Commissioner Shink then opened the public hearing at 2:27pm. Neither of the 2 members of the public in attendance on Zoom gave comment.

- d. Update: Urban County 2021 CDBG Allocation / Donation Acknowledgment Letters (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen referenced the letters that all members received by email within the few days leading up to this UCEC meeting. She requested that members reach out to her as soon as possible with any questions about CDBG funding and/or project timelines if she hasn't already discussed, keeping in mind that environmental clearance process on front end can take several months and is required prior to a project going out for bids.

- e. Washtenaw Rescue Plan Update (Commissioner Shink)

Commissioner Shink gave a thorough overview of the \$30.5 million package being considered at that night's Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting for the Washtenaw Rescue Plan (federal dollars via American Rescue Plan). Detailed information can be found in the BOC meeting packet from 9/15/21 [here](#). (This proposal was passed by BOC on 9/15/21). The areas to be funded under this proposal include:

- Addressing Childcare Access
- Children's Savings Accounts
- Broadband Infrastructure
- Broadband Affordability
- Weatherization
- ARP Lost Revenues available for future qualified initiatives

Shink took questions from UCEC members following her presentation. Members had numerous questions on a wide range of topics related to the County's planned uses of ARP funds.

- f. General Updates
 - 1) Member Announcements - None

VI. **Public Comment** - None

VII. **Adjournment**

Aniol moved to adjourn. Support from Hathaway.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 2:56 PM

Next Meeting: Wed., October 6, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote via Zoom