

WASHTENAW URBAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 - 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Location: Virtual Meeting using Zoom (details below)

Members in Attendance:

Supervisor Diane O’Connell (Ann Arbor Township); Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Clerk Heather Jarrell Roe (Ypsilanti Township); Councilmember Janet Dillon (City of Saline); Jessica West (Director of Community Development, Pittsfield Township); Supervisor Ken Schwartz (Superior Township); Trustee Linda Adams (Augusta Township); Michelle Aniol (Community Development Manager, City of Dexter); Trustee Sandie Schulze (Sylvan Township); Supervisor Will Hathaway (Scio Township).

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

Facilitator: Tara Cohen served as facilitator (Commissioner Sue Shink unable to attend.)

OCED Staff Present: Tara Cohen; Teresa Gillotti

Guests: Alize Asberry-Payne (Washtenaw County Racial Equity Office); Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity); Jimena Loveluck (Washtenaw County Health Department); Pam Kisch (Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Mid-Michigan).

Meeting called to order: 2:04 PM

I. Welcome & Introductions / Roll Call

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

Adams: Participating remotely from Augusta Township, Washtenaw County

Aniol: Participating remotely from City of Dexter, Washtenaw County.

West: Participating remotely from Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County

Dillon: Participating remotely from City of Saline, Washtenaw County

Schulze: Participating remotely from Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County

O’Connell: Participating remotely from Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County

Nelson: Participating remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Schwartz: Participating remotely from Superior Township, Washtenaw County

Jarrell Roe: Participating remotely from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County

After roll call, around 2:08pm, Supervisor Will Hathaway joined the meeting.

Hathaway: Participating remotely from Scio Township, Washtenaw County

II. Public Comment - None

III. Announcements from Members and/or Staff

- A. Member Announcements (All) – None
- B. CERA 2 Program Updates (Teresa Gillotti, OCED)
 - o Second allocation of CERA 2 funds awarded - \$9,262,176 (\$13.76 mill in total)
 - o 834 CERA 2 applications approved to date
 - o Applications processed by – SOS, HAWC, Barrier Busters Team

IV. Minutes

A. 4-6-22 Meeting Minutes – Review & Approval (**ACTION**)

Moved by West. Support by Jarrell Roe.

ROLL CALL:

Adams: Yes

Aniol: Yes

West: Yes

Dillon: Yes

Schulze: Yes

Nelson: Yes

Hathaway: Yes

O'Connell: Yes

Schwartz: Yes

Jarrell Roe: Yes

Ayes – 10; Nays – 0; Motion carried.

V. General Administration

- A. County Health Officer's COVID-19 Update (Jimena Loveluck, WCHD)

The County's Health Officer Loveluck presented COVID updates – see pages 7 -23 of the [updated May 4th meeting packet](#). The presentation was followed by a brief Q & A.
- B. Fair Housing Training (Pam Kisch, FHC of Southeast and Mid-Michigan)

Pam Kisch of the Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Mid-Michigan provided a brief training on fair housing law and the role of The Fair Housing Center – see pages 24-57 of the [updated May 4th meeting packet](#).
- C. CDBG-CV Spend-Down Planning (Teresa Gillotti, OCED)

OCED Director Teresa Gillotti provided an overview of CARES Act funding spenddown requirements and staff's recommended uses for uncommitted funding from Round 1 and Round 3 CDBG-CV funds.

For Round 1 funds, staff proposes:

 - Shifting approximately \$72,000 from Rent/utility assistance to Expanded Shelter to be able to accommodate larger families who need to be sheltered in larger rental units, and;
 - Utilizing some of the rent and utility assistance allocation through the Barrier Busters Network; she noted the timeliness of utility assistance since the new CERA rules do not allow for any utility assistance unless applicant also has rental arrearages.

For Round 3 funds, Gillotti stated that staff is suggesting the use of approximately \$528,000 of unallocated funds to be added to the Safety Net Funding round of the [New Human Services Partnership](#). She then provided a short slide presentation on the partnership, and explained

that this committee would be asked to take action on this recommendation at the June meeting. See pages 58-63 of the [updated May 4th meeting packet](#).

D. Update on 2022-23 Draft Action Plan Public Hearings & Comment Period (Tara Cohen, OCED)

Cohen stated that the 3rd public hearing scheduled for the draft Action Plan had been canceled due to the Board of Commissioners canceling their April 20th meeting the day prior, and that Public Notices went out with the rescheduled hearing for the May 18th BOC meeting and an extension of the 30-day comment period to now run through May 18th.

E. General Updates - Member Announcements – None.

F. Public Comment – See II. above for Zoom details. None.

G. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn - Moved by Hathaway. Support by Adams. Motion carried unanimously (voice vote).

Adjourned: 3:18 PM

Next Meeting: Wed., June 1, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30pm, Location: Remote (Zoom)