

Michigan Health Endowment Fund  
Board Meeting  
April 30, 2019  
Hampton Inn  
8068 Challis Road, Brighton, MI 48116

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Meeting Minutes

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**Call to order**

The board meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Tim Damschroder.

**Roll call**

A quorum was determined based on the presence of the following board members:

**Board Members present:**

Tim Damschroder  
Lynn Alexander  
Keith Pretty  
Rob Fowler  
Michael Williams  
Henry Veenstra  
Sue Jandernoa

**Others present:**

Paul Hillegonds  
Terry Gardner  
Julie Skubik

**Approval of agenda:**

Chairman Damschroder asked if there were any comments regarding the agenda, which was approved without objection.

**Review and approval of the minutes from the previous meetings:**

Board Member Veenstra moved to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2019 board meeting. Ms. Alexander seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Damschroder reported that earlier this month Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich submitted to the Executive Appointments Office the names of nominees to succeed Cindy Estrada on our board. The Governor's office will notify the Health Fund regarding the appointment when complete. There will be a Board of Director's retreat prior to the August board meeting in Detroit. The strategic plan will be reviewed, and the board will participate in grantee site visits.

**CEO Report:**

Mr. Hillegonds thanked committee members for their time and support in reviewing the Community Health Impact proposals that will be recommended to the board for approval. Mr. Hillegonds and Janet Olszewski met with Director of MDHHS, Robert Gordon, on the Health Fund mission, programs and operation. The Director was enthusiastic about the Special Projects and Emerging Ideas grantmaking program.

Program officers are reviewing Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles and Behavioral Health proposals that were received in response to the RFP's. The Health Fund hosted a convening in April that included grantees from Behavioral Health and Healthy Aging programs. Director Gordon attended this convening and shared his vision and priorities for the department.

MSU's legislative health policy education program is focusing on issues that legislators have indicated they want to learn more about and possibly address. The January 29<sup>th</sup> seminar covered state Medicaid policies and programs. It was followed by a March session on pharmaceutical drug cost and policy issues, and a forum is being held today in Lansing, addressing urban and rural health care access challenges.

**Operations Report:**

Mr. Gardner reported on staff changes. Janet Olszewski reported on the status of the policy and research work being conducted and presented a finalized version of the criteria being used to select policy topics.

The following motion was made by Mr. Veenstra and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

RESOLVED, that the following policy of the Board of Directors is approved in the manner presented at this meeting:

Policy and Research Topic Selection Policy

Criteria to be Used in Topic Selection

The Health Fund maintains a portfolio of work related to policy issues that seeks to improve the health status of Michigan citizens. Policy barriers may exist at the organizational, service delivery, payment, regulatory or legal levels. The Fund's policy work may involve describing the barrier(s), assessing the extent of barriers, identifying potential solutions, implementation of solutions and/or educating stakeholder groups on the issues and possible solutions.

The Health Fund regularly identifies potential topics for inclusion through a variety of means. To be considered for funding/contract any potential topic must meet one of more of the following criteria:

- An issue that seeks to further the work of any of the Health Fund's programmatic strategies
- An issue experienced by one of the target populations identified in the Health Fund's strategic plan
- An issue of importance to state policymakers that requires our involvement because it is within our scope and may not be something the state can complete itself within the necessary timeframe
- An issue arising from our grantmaking experience
- An issue that will foster sustainability of models in which the Health Fund has invested

- Efforts to inform policy makers within organizations, at the community and state levels on issues of importance.

In keeping with the Health Fund strategic plan, the following types of projects will not be considered:

- Clinical research
- Projects that support new or ongoing litigation
- Projects that support lobbying activities

#### Process for Topic Selection

The senior fellow collects potential topics from staff, board members and outside parties and makes an initial recommendation of whether to include the topic on the list or not. The COO and CEO give the final approval of topics.

Once topics are reviewed for appropriateness the Health Fund will determine how best to complete the work. This work can be carried out as part of the Health Fund's internal staff work, grantmaking strategy or as contracted efforts within the Health Fund's non-grant portfolio of work.

The motion passed 7-0.

Megan Murphy reported on the growth and success of the Catchafire capacity building program being made available to Health Fund grantees. There will be two upcoming Catchafire training sessions in Detroit and Grand Rapids.

John Slocum presented a report on the evaluation team's analysis of the Health Fund's technology grants.

#### **Program Presentation:**

Program Officers Kari Sederburg and Tim Niyonsenga updated the board on the progress and focus of the Healthy Aging program. Grantee and Senior Program Consultant Juwana Jackson from Trinity Health Care presented on the "Whatever it Takes" program. She shared information regarding the success of program, grant partners, and potential growth. Several questions were posed by the board regarding this program and its impacts.

Ms. Alexander stepped out of the meeting.

#### **Audit Committee:**

Committee Chair Pretty reported that the audit has been completed and was presented at the March Audit Committee meeting. He noted that the audit report was "clean" and there were no exceptions noted in the financial statements. The committee voted to accept the audit and financial statements, which are posted on the Health Fund website. Mr. Pretty reported that the 2018 tax return has been reviewed and will be filed once all board member questions have been addressed. The following motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Jandernoa.

WHEREAS, the 2018 audited financial statements of Michigan Health Endowment Fund, as presented by George Johnson and Company and accepted by the Audit Committee have been submitted to the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2018 audited financial statements as presented at the meeting be, and they hereby are, accepted.

The motion passed 6-0

**Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Pretty reported on the March 2019 financial statements and outlined changes from the budget. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan contribution of \$85 million was received on March 28, 2019, and \$28,050,000 has been invested in the endowment portfolio in accordance with the enabling legislation. The Medigap Subsidy program projection was discussed, and the board will continue to receive reports on the progress of the program.

The following motion was made by Ms. Jandernoa and seconded by Mr. Veenstra.

RESOLVED, that Alan Harris, Investment Officer, and any successors in office, be and they hereby are authorized to approve and direct investments, to purchase and sell stocks, bonds, evidences of interest, evidences of indebtedness and/or of other obligations, and any other securities, corporate or otherwise, now or hereafter held by this corporation and to assign and transfer same only between and within pre-authorized accounts owned by the corporation and to execute any and all instruments necessary, proper or desirable for that purpose.

The motion passed 6-0

**Grantmaking Committee:**

Ms. Jandernoa reported that the Grantmaking Committee met on April 17, 2019. Of the 151 Community Health Impact (CHI) proposals reviewed by staff, totaling \$12.8 million in requested funding, 50 proposals were recommended to the board for approval for funding totaling \$4.1 million. Program Officer Megan Murphy outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

2019 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT PROGRAM PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Access of West Michigan Area Agency on Aging 1-B	Healthy Food Retail Markets	\$100,000
Ascension Genesys Foundation	Caring for the Caregiver 2.0: Assessing How Well Communities Support Caregivers	\$95,690
Ascension St. John Foundation	Diabetes Resources for Education And Motivation (DREAM)	\$100,000
Battle Creek Family YMCA	Mother Nurture Lactation College Sustainability Project	\$54,200
Big Green	Passport to Wellness	\$75,000
	Learning Garden Expansion to Detroit Public School District	\$100,000

Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association	Stakeholder-driven High-Tech Innovation	\$100,000
Bridging Communities, Inc	Senior Meal Delivery	\$53,000
Brilliant Detroit	Health Platform	\$100,000
Calvin College	Intervention to address social skills among internationally adopted children	\$50,970
CATCH Global Foundation	Lansing CATCH Coordinated School Health Initiative	\$72,800
Chaldean Community Foundation	Caregiver and Client Health, Wellness, and Aging Training and Outreach	\$99,964
Children's Healing Center	Integrating Trauma Informed Care with Good. Clean. Fun	\$70,750
Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation	Wayne County Expansion and Implementation of English/Spanish FitKids360	\$94,650
Common Ground	Children's In-Home Stabilizer	\$84,000
Community Action House	Community Food Club of Holland	\$100,000
Delta-Schoolcraft ISD	Building Behavioral Supports Through Leadership Development and Community Collaborations	\$100,000
District Health Department #10	Healthy Students, Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities	\$100,000
Eastern Michigan University	EMU Geropsychology – Detecting and Managing High-Conflict Care Situations	\$99,041
GiGi's	GiGiFit	\$30,000
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan	CenteringPregnancy with Healthy Food	\$100,000
Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation	Improving NEMT ridership in Grand Traverse and Benzie Counties	\$50,000
Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Inc.	New Hope Maternity House Planning Grant	\$41,517
Greater Flint Health Coalition	Greater Flint Health Coalition - Community Health Hub Project	\$100,000
Greater Midland	Long-term sustainability for community impact	\$100,000
Henry Ford Health System	Integrating Behavioral Health Sustainability Modeling	\$99,999
HOPE Hospitality & Warming Center, Inc.	Complex Care Coordinator	\$100,000
Humans First Detroit	Project Cohere	\$100,000
Hurley Medical Center	Hurley Medical Center's Food FARMacy – Addressing Barriers to Achieving Food Security in Genesee County	\$78,538
Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County	The WISE Program: Enhanced Service Delivery through Technology Improvements and Universal Assessment	\$100,000

Keep Growing Detroit	Garden at the End of Regie's Rainbow Project	\$34,617
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Debweyendan Indigenous Gardens	\$100,000
Livingston County Catholic Charities	CREATING A CAREGIVER CORPS IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY	\$100,000
Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Inc	Support Groups for Children & Teens with Health Challenges	\$15,000
Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement	Planning for Community Health Information Exchange	\$93,500
Michigan Health Improvement Alliance	Catalytic Support for Resilience-Building Communities in the Great Lakes Bay Region (Building Resilience)	\$96,866
Michigan State University	Enhancing the Quality of Life Among Elders Facing Cognitive Decline: The Effectiveness of A Body movement-based Psychosocial Intervention	\$100,000
Midland County Cancer Society, INC.	Better Odds for Survival	\$100,000
Oakland University	PAL Prescription for Healthy Families	\$100,000
Pediatric Foundation of Michigan	Michigan Residency Program ACEs Screening Learning Collaborative	\$98,250
Region VII Area Agency on Aging	Primary Health Care & Rx @ Home	\$100,000
Shelter Association of Washtenaw County	Shelter Association Medical Recuperative Care Program	\$100,000
Superior Health Foundation	Medical Transportation in the U.P.	\$50,000
The Regents of the University of Michigan	Training Community Health Workers and Certified Peer Support Specialists to Promote Oral Health: The Family Oral Health Project	\$89,562
UPCAP Services, Inc.	Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Coaching Program: an intervention to improve the health outcomes of family caregivers through increased access to education, resources and support.	\$100,000
Washtenaw Area Council for Children	Cyber Safety and Resiliency Program	\$15,000
Washtenaw County Health Department	HealthyOne	\$100,000
Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency	A Community Solution to Trauma: Improving children's behavioral health access & outcomes at Wayne Metro	\$50,000
Wayne State University	Youth Advancing Community Health (YACH)	\$100,000
West Michigan Partnership for Children	Kent Coalition for Family Resilience	\$100,000

Chairman Damschroder asked all board members to identify any of the recommended grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest with the 50 proposals. There were no conflicts.

Mr. Williams moved to approve all 50 grant recommendations as listed above and Mr. Veenstra seconded.

The vote passed 6-0.

Ms. Alexander returned to the meeting

Next, Laurie Solotorow discussed 3 Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles proposed renewals that were recommended to the board for approval for funding totaling \$0.7 million.

#### 2019 NUTRITION & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES RENEWAL RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan	Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative Project	\$196,738
Marquette-Alger RESA	Marquette-Alger RESA PE-NUT U.P. Expansion Project (P.E.P.) Phase III	\$234,475
YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	Healthy Corner Store Initiative	\$245,080

Chairman Damschroder asked all board members to identify any of the recommended grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest with the 3 proposals. There were no conflicts.

Mr. Veenstra moved, and Mr. Pretty seconded, to approve the three renewal grants.

The vote passed 7-0.

Mr. Fowler stepped out of the meeting.

Next, Mr. Pretty asked Mr. Gardner to describe the amended budget. Mr. Gardner outlined the changes in the budget which were principally related reallocating existing budgets between program support activities and grantmaking activities. Mr. Pretty made a motion to approve the amended grantmaking and grant program support budgets, and Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Fowler returned to the meeting.

Mr. Fowler discussed the review of the Behavioral Health Ecosystem Project as presented when the Grantmaking Committee last met. He described the role of contracting for services compared to grantmaking. There was a detailed discussion of the proposed project as well as the scope of the project and the distinction between contracts and grantmaking. It was determined that the Governance Committee will investigate and recommend contractor review and approval policies at the August board meeting. Ms. Alexander moved, and Mr. Fowler seconded a motion to approve the contract with Wayne State University, for the Behavioral Health Ecosystem Project in the amount of approximately \$1.6 million over two years.

The motion passed 5-1. Mr. Williams opposed.

The board reviewed a list of grants considered to be on a “watch list” and will continue to monitor their progress.

**Executive and Compensation Committee:**

Chairman Damschroder discussed the compensation study that was completed by Mercer. The board will review the study at the August board meeting.

**Other Business:**

Mr. Williams recognized the passing of Judge Damon Keith and expressed thanks for his contributions to civil rights and equality.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Skubik  
Secretary of the meeting