

Michigan Health Endowment Fund  
Board Meeting  
August 13, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

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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  
Sue Jandernoa  
Keith Pretty  
Rob Fowler  
Michael Williams  
Tina Reynolds  
Henry Veenstra

**Others present:**

Paul Hillegonds  
Terry Gardner  
Julie Skubik  
Duane Tarnacki

**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 Jandernoa moved to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2020 board meeting. Board Member Williams seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Damschroder thanked the board members for their participation in the board retreat and strategic planning sessions that were held prior to the meeting. Chairman Damschroder reported that 3 board members' term will expire in October 2020: Lynn Alexander, Michael Williams and Henry Veenstra. He thanked the three members for their service. Noting that Lynn Alexander will not be seeking reappointment, and he praised her dedication to the Health Fund.

**CEO Report:**

Mr. Hillegonds thanked board members and staff for their time and support in preparation of the strategic planning process. Mr. Hillegonds recognized Board Member Alexander for her service to the Health Fund board since its beginning. He also reported that he has met with the Governor's appointments director regarding the application for reappointment by Board Members Williams and Veenstra and potential candidates to succeed Board Member Alexander. Mr. Hillegonds also reported that Kari Serderburg has been appointed by the governor to the Michigan Nursing Homes COVID-19 Preparedness Task Force and Laurie Solotorow has been appointed to the Food Security Council Task Force, and that Janet Olszewski has been engaged in the state's Covid19 contract tracing initiative.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Committee Chair Pretty reported on the Investment Committee meeting, which reviewed the status in the Health Fund's operations and endowment portfolios. He recommended proposed changes in the Investment Policy Statement which would bring it into conforming with the authorizations granted to Mr. Harris when he assumed the position Director of Investments. Mr. Tarnacki proposed an additional amendment to allow the Investment Committee to make non-material changes to the Investment Policy Statement.

Mr. Pretty moved to approve the amended Investment Policy Statement as presented with the additional amendment to authorize the Investment Committee to approve non-material changes in the statement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler. Motion passed 7-0.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED STATEMENT  
OF INVESTMENT POLICY**

RESOLVED, that the Amended Statement of Investment Policy as presented and amended as noted above to the Board and recommended by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund's Investment Committee, be, and it hereby is, ratified, adopted and approved.

Next, Mr. Pretty asked Mr. Gardner to describe the results of the Health Fund's financial statements and operations. Mr. Gardner noted the impact of the pandemic causing a slowdown in many of the research and other program related contracts. Mr. Gardner also noted that the staff working remotely has not impacted the Health Fund's day to day operations.

**Grantmaking Committee:**

Board Member Jandernoa reported that the Grantmaking Committee met on July 29, 2020 to review Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle and Behavioral Health proposals. The committee recommended 17 proposals and \$6.7 million in funding for the Behavioral Health grants. Program Director Becky Cienki outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

## 2020 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
Family Medical Center of MI	Growing School-Based Healthcare While Training New Providers	\$500,000
Grand Valley State University	Thrive: Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Care	\$499,936
Greater Flint Health Coalition	Peer Recovery Support System for Addiction Treatment Project	\$499,785
Haven of Rest Ministries	Women's Life Recovery Program	\$400,000
Kids Kicking Cancer	The Healing Hero	\$500,000
Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency	System for Sustainable Youth Services in Schools (SSYSS)	\$500,000
Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (dba Community Mental Health Association of Michigan)	Telehealth Resource Center - Behavioral Health	\$257,905
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Improving Care for Justice Involved Patients Part 2	\$500,000
Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association	Building Health Communities: Step Up for School Wellness	\$500,000
Michigan State Medical Society	Connecting Treatment Courts and Health Professionals	\$175,000
Northern Michigan University	Collaborative Network: Behavioral Health Access in UP	\$498,445
Oakland Integrated Healthcare Network	Oakland County School-Based Behavioral Health Strategy	\$200,000
The Regents of the University of Michigan	Trauma-Informed Programs & Practices for Schools	\$328,324

The Regents of the University of Michigan	Online Behavioral Health Training for Community Workers	\$160,000
Wayne State University	Promoting Resilience among Maltreated Young Children	\$499,778
Western Michigan University	Building Resiliency in Substance Abusing Families (BRISA)	\$499,958
Western U.P. Health Department	"Positive Steps Together" SUD Support Program	\$159,590

Chairman Damschroder asked all board members to identify any of the recommended grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest with the proposals listed above. Ms. Jandernoa stated her position on the Grand Valley State University Board and wished to abstain from the vote on the grant.

Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Pretty seconded, to approve the 16 grants listed above which presented no conflict of interest for board members.

The vote passed 7-0.

Next, Ms. Reynolds moved to approve the recommended grant application to Grand Valley State University and Mr. Fowler seconded. Ms. Jandernoa abstained.

The vote passed 6-0.

Next, Ms. Cienki reported on the participation in a Suicide Prevention Funder collaborative in the amount of \$250,000. Mr. Pretty moved and Mr. Veenstra seconded, to approve the Heath Fund's participation of this program.

The vote passed 7-0.

Next, Ms. Jandernoa reported that the committee recommended 20 proposals and \$7.4 million in funding for the Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles grants. Program Director Laurie Solotorow outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

### 2020 NUTRITION & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES PROGRAM PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
Access of West Michigan	Re-centering Health Through Small Ag	\$ 190,000
American Heart Association	Target: BP-Growing and Extending	\$ 250,000
Care Free Medical	Capital Area Prescription for Health	\$ 136,000

CATCH Global Foundation	CATCH Michigan Planning Grant	\$ 154,550
Communities in Schools of Michigan	Integrated Nutrition Supports	\$ 500,000
District Health Department #10	Northwest Michigan Chronic Disease Prevention: Partnership for Prescription for Health	\$ 250,000
Food Bank Council of Michigan	A Sustainable Food Pharmacy Model for Michigan	\$ 476,934
Henry Ford Health System	Henry's Groceries for Kids	\$ 499,985
Henry Ford Health System	Optimizing Gestational Weight Gain	\$ 255,042
Leaders Advancing Helping Communities	FQHCs and LAHC Building Health Communities Together	\$ 245,063
Michigan State University	Impact of Pediatric Prescriptions for Fruits and Vegetables	\$ 500,000
Michigan State University	Native American Breastfeeding Initiative Embracing Culture	\$ 388,406
Michigan State University	Successful Nutrition Programs Across the Lifespan: A Roadmap	\$ 499,645
National Kidney Foundation of Michigan	HALTING Diabetes with Innovation and Collaboration	\$ 499,999
Playworks Education Energized	Growing Safe and Healthy Play for Michigan: Part II	\$ 500,000
ProMedica Bixby Hospital	ProMedica Farms Improved Access to Healthy Food and Lifestyles	\$ 406,220
Spectrum Health Foundation	Family Kitchen Rx 2.0	\$ 499,879
The Regents of the University of Michigan	Maximizing Reach of the InPACT program in Michigan Schools	\$ 198,351
United Way of Southeastern Michigan	Better with Breakfast Oakland County	\$ 461,736
Wayne State University	Physical Literacy and Nutrition Education Program	\$ 500,000

Ms. Jandernoa asked all board members to identify any of the recommended grants where he/she might have a conflict of interest with the 20 proposals. Chairman Damschroder stated his conflict regarding Henry Ford Health System proposals and wished to abstain from the vote on two grants.

Mr. Fowler moved, and Mr. Pretty seconded, to approve the 18 grants listed above which presented no conflicts of interest for board members:

The vote passed 7-0.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the two grant applications from Henry Ford Health System and Mr. Veenstra seconded. Chairman Damschroder abstained. The vote passed 6-0.

Next, the board reviewed the following 3 grants recommended for funding.

Program	Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
Community Health Impact	CATCH Global Foundation	CATCH Restart Smart: Health Education in the COVID-19 Era	\$ 98,000
Healthy Aging Rapid Response	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Improving Access to Information & Services for Older Adults in Response to COVID-19	\$ 314,251
Special Projects and Emerging Ideas	Michigan Public Health Institute	Just Care	\$ 130,000

Next, Ms. Jandernoa reported that the Grantmaking Committee also recommended transferring the following grant from Michigan Public Health Institute to Brilliant Detroit. She explained that this grant was approved by the Board of Directors on May 1, 2020.

Applicant Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
Brilliant Detroit	Birth Detroit Easy Access Clinic	\$ 100,000

Mr. Veenstra moved to approve the 4 grants listed above which presented no conflict of interest for board members.

The vote passed 7-0.

Next, Mr. Gardner reported that the Grantmaking Committee recommended the cancellation of U.P Health Needs Assessment Funder Collaborative 2019 that is an SPEI grant. He reported that the funding never started due to COVID19 issues.

Mr. Pretty moved, and Mr. Veenstra moved to approve cancellation of this grant.

The vote passed 7-0.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Skubik  
Secretary of the meeting