

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 15, 2024  
9829 Spencer Road  
Brighton, MI

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The board meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chair Kathy Boles.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathryn Boles  
Michael Williams  
Zaineb Hussein  
Henry Veenstra  
Liz Boyd  
Jimmy Womack  
Gilda Jacobs  
Leila Kello

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Health Fund staff

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved without objection.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Mr. Veenstra moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024 board meeting. Ms. Jacobs seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2024 closed session and Ms. Jacobs seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Boles welcomed and introduced new board member Leila Kello. Ms. Boles outlined the agenda for the meeting.

## GRANTEE PANEL

Program Director, Becky Cienki, facilitated a grantee panel. The following participated on the panel:

- Larry LaCross, Catholic Human Services
- Kara Steinke, Catholic Human Services
- Isa Morua, Catholic Human Services
- Madeleine McConnell, Sunrise Centre

The board actively engaged with the panel following their presentations and expressed their appreciation for the panel's work and engagement with the board.

## CEO REPORT

Mr. Hajra introduced the new Health Fund staff and reported on the recent convenings hosted by the Health Fund. Mr. Hajra outlined the proposed timeline for the Health Fund 2026 strategic plan and provided an update on the approach to policy engagement with legislators.

## GRANTMAKING COMMITTEE

Ms. Hussein reported that the Grantmaking Committee met to review Community Health Impact and Maternal and Infant Health proposals. The committee recommended 20 proposals and \$2.6 million in funding for the Community Health Impact grants. Program Manager, Veronica Marchese, described the CHI grantmaking strategies, outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals. Ms. Kello indicated a conflict of interest with the proposal from the Chaldean Community Foundation. Mr. Veenstra moved to approve these grant recommendations; Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>1</b>	A Brighter Way*	Holistic Health Engagement for Returned Citizens	\$150,000
<b>2</b>	A Glimpse of Africa	Organizational Learning Systems	\$98,000
<b>3</b>	Benzie Leelanau District Health Department	Modeling Sustainable and Scalable Integrated Team Care	\$150,000
<b>4</b>	Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation d.b.a. Center for Health Research & Transformation	Building Evaluation Capacity: CRS Moms' Circles in Detroit	\$146,850
<b>5</b>	Chaldean Community Foundation	Technology Enhancement Initiative	\$149,067
<b>6</b>	Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula (Lead	Youth Empowering Services Mentorship Program: Year 2	\$75,000

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	Partner: Youth Empowering Services)		
<b>7</b>	District Health Department #10	NCCHIR SDOH Accelerator Plan Implementation Project	\$150,000
<b>8</b>	Gay Elders of Metro Detroit d.b.a MiGen	Intentional Evaluation, Learning, and DEI	\$150,000
<b>9</b>	Gesher Human Services	Implementation of Supported and Transitional Employment	\$150,000
<b>10</b>	Growing Forward Together	SMC Jumpstart – Next Level Tools	\$146,986
<b>11</b>	Health Net of West Michigan	Executive Leadership Assessment & Succession Planning	\$150,000
<b>12</b>	Heart of West Michigan United Way	Housing Stability Alliance Eviction Prevention Plan	\$149,978
<b>13</b>	Housing Kent	Housing as Health: A Data-Informed System Response	\$150,000
<b>14</b>	Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County	Developing CHW Capacity at JFS	\$54,875
<b>15</b>	Marinette County Group Home Association	Community Assessment and Conceptual Design	\$85,000
<b>16</b>	Michigan Chapter of the National Childrens Alliance	Trauma-Informed Leadership for Trauma-Focused Agencies	\$71,500
<b>17</b>	Michigan State University	Heath Equity Capacity Network for Latino and Asian Americans	\$149,572
<b>18</b>	Region II Commission on Services to the Aging d.b.a. WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging	Building Diversified Funding Infrastructure	\$150,000
<b>19</b>	Safe Haven Ministries	Strengthening the West Michigan Human Trafficking Coalition	\$150,000
<b>20</b>	The Salvation Army Great Lakes Division	Capacity Building Medical Respite	\$143,000

\* The second payment for A Brighter Way is contingent on a formal working relationship with Packard Health. Approval by the Program Officer required before payment is released.

The motion passed 7-0. Ms. Kello abstained.

Program Director, Becky Cienki, reported the Grantmaking Committee recommended 15 proposals and \$2.3 million in funding for the Maternal and Infant Health grants. Ms. Jacobs moved to approve these grant recommendations; Mr. Veenstra seconded the motion.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>1</b>	Berrien County Health Department	Family Wellness Promotion	\$200,000
<b>2</b>	Community Health and Social Services Center, Inc.	Enhancing Maternal Mental Health & Birth Outcomes at CHASS	\$200,000
<b>3</b>	Genesee County Legal Aid Society d/b/a Center for Civil Justice	Promoting Health Outcomes for Birthing People Through Doulas	\$100,000
<b>4</b>	Henry Ford Health System	Establishing an Integrated Care Clinic	\$199,774
<b>5</b>	Hospitality House of the Upper Peninsula	Increasing Utilization in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan	\$50,000
<b>6</b>	Marlette Regional Hospital	Rural Access to Breastfeeding Support	\$58,000
<b>7</b>	Michigan Breast Feeding Network (Lead Partner: YOLO Lactation and Doula Services)	GLOW with YOLO: Serving Families in the Postpartum Period	\$200,000
<b>8</b>	Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health	Michigan Young Parents Initiative (MYPI)	\$200,000
<b>9</b>	Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, Inc	In-Home Maternal Infant Health Partnership	\$94,000
<b>10</b>	Oakland University	Using AI to Target Maternal SDoH Needs for CHW Intervention	\$199,919
<b>11</b>	Southeastern Michigan Health Association	Neighborhood-Specific CHW for Southern Macomb County	\$200,000
<b>12</b>	The Regents of the University of Michigan	Community Health Doulas: Improving Birth Outcomes in Flint	\$200,000
<b>13</b>	The Regents of the University of Michigan	Smoking Cessation Among Perinatal Medicaid Recipients	\$200,000
<b>14</b>	Western Michigan University	Cultural and Linguistic Support for Peripartum Patients	\$195,403
<b>15</b>	Western U.P. Health Department	Multi-Pronged Intervention to Decrease Maternal Nicotine Use	\$54,165

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Hajra reported that the Grantmaking Committee met to review Strategic Grant Reserve proposals. The committee recommended one proposal from the Council of Michigan Foundations and \$10,000 in funding. Ms. Boyd moved to approve this grant recommendation; Ms. Hussein seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Jacobs reported that the Grantmaking Committee met to review off-cycle Healthy Aging proposals. The committee recommended 5 proposals and \$2 million in funding. Ms. Sederburg presented the proposals. Ms. Hussein reported a conflict with the proposal from the Regents of the University of Michigan. Ms. Kello moved to approve these grant recommendations; Ms. Boyd seconded the motion.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>1</b>	Detroit Area Agency on Aging	Health First Home-Based Primary Care	\$500,000
<b>2</b>	Health Care Association of Michigan	Enhancing Dementia Care Program	\$326,820
<b>3</b>	National Council of Dementia Minds	Dementia Minds: Building Capacity and Sustaining Success	\$500,000
<b>4</b>	Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers	RCI Working While Caring	\$350,000
<b>5</b>	The Regents of the University of Michigan	If It's Mentionable, It's Manageable	\$400,563

The motion passed 7-0. Ms. Hussein abstained.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Veenstra reported on the March 2024 financial statements. He reported that the annual audit is in process and staff will review a draft of the audited financial statements in June. The audit committee will review the audit in July and make a recommendation to the board at the September board meeting. Ms. Karaboyas reported that the annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan contribution of \$100 million was received and immediately invested. The Investment Committee met and recommended a modification to the Statement of Investment Policy to allow investments in a new asset class. Mr. Veenstra moved to approve a revised Statement of Investment Policy and Ms. Hussein seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0.

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Williams discussed a recommendation from the Executive Committee for committee assignments for Ms. Chen-Zhang and Ms. Kello. The Executive Committee recommends Ms. Chen-Zhang serve the grantmaking committee focused on Community Health Impact, Maternal & Infant Health, and Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles and Ms. Kello serve the grantmaking committee for Behavioral Health, Healthy Aging, and Special Projects and Emerging Ideas. The Executive Committee also recommended appointing Ms. Chen-Zhang to the Audit Committee and Investment Committee. There are no changes to the February

2024 appointments other than appointing Ms. Chen-Zhang and Ms. Kello to committees.  
Mr. Veenstra seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Skubik  
Secretary of the meeting