

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2024
9829 Spencer Road
Brighton, MI

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Kathryn Boles.

ROLL CALL

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

Kathryn Boles
Michael Williams
Gilda Jacobs
Lynn Chen-Zhang
Elizabeth Boyd
Leila Kello

Health Fund staff were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2024 board meeting. Ms. Chen-Zhang seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public was present but declined public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Boles welcomed board members and staff to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Boles thanked Mr. Veenstra for his service to the Health Fund.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Hajra introduced the new Health Fund staff and reported on recent convenings, conference attendance and a positive grantee survey. Mr. Hajra read a letter of appreciation from previous board member Henry Veenstra. Ms. Quan Mac was introduced as the newly appointed board member.

GRANTMAKING COMMITTEE

Ms. Jacobs reported that the Grantmaking Committee met to review Healthy Aging proposals. The committee recommended 19 proposals totaling \$5.3 million in funding for the Healthy Aging grants. Vice President, Programs Kari Sederburg described the grantmaking strategies, outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

Healthy Aging

	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	Commonweal	Planning & Partnership Development	\$295,500
2	Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance	Raising Hope Senior Program	\$100,000
3	Eastern Michigan University	Culturally Adapted Social Programs for Older Asian Americans	\$499,948
4	Evangelical Homes of Michigan Foundation (Lead Partner: Dementia Friendly Saline)	Expansions of Dementia Friendly Movie Program	\$143,510
5	Family Network of Wyoming	Durable Medical Equipment (DME) at Your Door	\$60,000
6	Gay Elders of Metro Detroit DBA MiGen	Supporting LGBTQ+ Inclusive PACE Programs (SLIPP)	\$250,000
7	Habitat for Humanity Detroit	Return Home Safe	\$500,000
8	Holland Home	Giving VOICE to Persons Living with Dementia	\$378,736
9	Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan DBA Centrica Care Navigators	Palliative Care Expansion in Van Buren and Cass Counties	\$495,142
10	Methodist Children's Home Society DBA MCHS Family of Services	Trauma-Informed Care Intergenerational Pilot Program	\$250,000
11	Michigan Center for Rural Health	Cultivating Comfort: Enhancing Palliative Care in Rural Michigan	\$265,724
12	Michigan State University	Collaborative Workforce Training: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Residents' Oral Care	\$173,370
13	Milan Seniors for Healthy Living	Milan Oasis, A Dementia Friendly Respite Retreat	\$259,185
14	Resthaven	Widening and Diversifying the Direct Care Workforce Pipeline	\$200,278
15	ShareCare of Leelanau, Inc.	Memory Café	\$80,000
16	The Regents of the University of Michigan	Wellbeing with Implant-Overdentures for Michigan Seniors	\$500,000
17	Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center	Healthy Aging Care Coordination	\$332,721
18	Washtenaw Housing Alliance	Shared Housing Program for Older Adults in Washtenaw County	\$100,000
19	WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging	Elder Justice Advocacy, Prevention, and Supportive Services	\$498,514

Ms. Jacobs moved to approve these grant recommendations; Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Boles reported that the Grantmaking Committee recommended 11 proposals totaling \$3.6 million in funding for the Special Projects and Emerging Ideas grants. Program Director Becky

Cienki described the grantmaking strategies, outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

Special Projects & Emerging Ideas			
	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	Easterseals MORC	Michigan Technology First Initiative	\$352,692
2	Grand Valley State University	Securing Services for Infants at Risk for Developmental Delays	\$79,639
3	Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital	Patient-Centered Value-Based Stroke Rehabilitation	\$460,871
4	Michigan Association for Local Public Health	Effective Engagement in Public Health: Moving On from COVID	\$224,850
5	Michigan Association of Health Plans	Michigan Medicaid Common Credentialing	\$325,500
6	Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health	School Nurses Electronically Document and Bill for Services	\$128,177
7	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Implementing Specialty Behavioral Health Housing Assistance	\$500,000
8	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Juvenile Justice System Reform and Reinvestment Initiative	\$500,000
9	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Michigan's Section 1115 Reentry Services Demonstration: Collaborative Planning	\$496,702
10	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	Michigan's Qualified Interpreter Program: Census	\$40,000
11	Michigan Primary Care Association	Supporting Expanded Medicaid Benefits through a Coordinating Body	\$500,000

Ms. Boyd moved to approve these grant recommendations; Ms. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

The Grantmaking Committee recommended 30 proposals totaling \$3.2 million in funding for Community Health Impact grants. Program Officer Veronica Marchese described the grantmaking strategies, outlined the review process and presented the proposals. Listed below are the recommended proposals.

Community Health Impact			
	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	Access Health, Inc.	Strengthening Muskegon's CIE through Community Leadership	\$150,000
2	Ecology Center	LIFT MI (Lead-Impacted Families Together Michigan)	\$150,000
3	K-Connect (Lead Partner: No Surrender Running Club)	Sport as a Tool for Equitable, Lasting Health Outcomes	\$50,000

4	Methodist Childrens Home Society dba MCHS Family of Services	Maintaining Community Voice Project	\$150,000
5	Present Pillars Foundation	Present Pillars Health Navigation Program	\$150,000
6	Starr Commonwealth	Albion-Marshall Resilient Communities Project 2.0	\$150,000
7	The Shul	Positive Parenting	\$150,000
8	United Way of Southwest Michigan	Building Community Power for Collective Action	\$150,000
9	YesRx	Improving MI American Indian Cancer Care & Community Health	\$150,000

Capacity Building

Collaborative Capacity Building

	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	CARE House of Oakland County, Inc.	Oakland County Child Abuse Medical Response Collaborative	\$150,000
2	Connect Detroit	Detroit Youth Mental Wellness & Resilience Collaborative	\$81,448
3	Gryphon Place	Community Information Exchange®	\$150,000

Organizational Capacity Building

	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	AgeWell Services of West Michigan	Archaic to Modern: Organization Infrastructure Improvements	\$22,600
2	AYA Youth Collective	Implementing an Organizational Operating System	\$91,200
3	Care Free Medical Inc.	Technology Improvements for Care Free Medical and Optometry	\$56,900
4	Catherine's Health Center	Improving FQHC Sustainability through Strategic Assessment	\$87,100
5	Community Action House	Integrated Relationship Management System	\$80,643
6	Elephant Circle (Lead Partner: Sage Midwifery)	Evaluating Community-Centered Midwifery Education	\$150,000
7	Enriched Living	Fostering Community Transformation by Supporting AFC Homes	\$75,000
8	Family Promise of West Michigan	Updating and Improving Financial Management	\$61,490
9	From the Ground Farmers Market Collective	Growing Farmers Markets in the Western Upper Peninsula	\$50,000
10	Gogebic Range Health Foundation	Leadership Development to Build Organizational Capacity	\$48,700
11	Guiding Harbor	Guiding Harbor Trauma Informed Care	\$24,100

12	Hands Across the Water, Inc.	Serving Foster Clients through Better Staff Retention	\$59,049
13	Kent School Services Network	KSSN: Professional Learning and Development	\$111,655
14	LifeLab Kids Foundation	Scaling Operations with Expanded Technology	\$107,000
15	Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance	Enhancing Access, Inclusivity, and Efficacy in CHW Training	\$150,000
16	PACE North	PACE North – Organizational Capacity Building	\$149,817
17	Pioneer Resources Inc.	Empowering DCWs for Improved Health Outcomes	\$150,000
18	United Way of Marquette County	Enhancing Health Nonprofit Capacities with Shared Services	\$150,000

Ms. Boyd moved to approve these grant recommendations; Ms. Kello seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Jacobs reported that the Grantmaking Committee recommended 1 proposal totaling \$500,000 in funding for the Strategic Grant Reserve grant. Mr. Hajra described the grantmaking strategies and presented the proposal. Listed below is the recommended proposal.

Strategic Grant Reserve			
	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	Michigan State University	Rx Kids – Eastern Upper Peninsula	\$500,000

Mr. Williams moved to approve this grant recommendation; Ms. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Sederburg reported that the Grantmaking Committee recommended 4 proposals totaling \$1 million. These were off-cycle proposals that originated in the Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles and Maternal & Infant Health grant programs.

Maternal & Infant Health			
	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	District Health Department #10	Improving Access to Care for Pregnant Women with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)	\$200,000
2	Michigan State University	Patient Advocate App	\$200,000

Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles

	Applicant	Project Title	Amount Recommended
1	BFDI Educational Services (Lead Partner: I Can Education and Enrichment Center, INC)	High 5 Multi-Generational Family-Nutrition and Health Initiative	\$254,520
2	Eastern Michigan University	Statewide Community Health Worker Initiative for Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles	\$374,653

Ms. Jacobs moved to approve these grant recommendations; Ms. Kello seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Chen-Zhang reported that the Investment Committee met to review the status of the Health Fund's operations and endowment portfolios. Ms. Chen-Zhang reported that the 2023 990 was prepared by the auditors and will be reviewed by Health Fund staff. This draft will be circulated to board members via email to review. The tax return will be filed by the November 15, 2024 deadline.

CFO REPORT

Ms. Karaboyas reported on September 2024 financial statements, financial dashboard, and investment performance. Ms. Karaboyas presented a resolution to set the 2024 endowment and Health Fund reserve allocations. The following motion was made by Ms. Boyd and seconded by Ms. Chen-Zhang:

WHEREAS, the Health Fund's Spending and Endowment Fund Policy allows the Health Fund to expend a portion of the money contributed to it in an amount up to the Maximum Spending Allowance which for Year 11 is 60% plus funds available in the Spendable Account;

WHEREAS, the Health Fund received total contributions in 2024 of \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 4 of 2013 ("the Act") requires that \$40,000,000 be allocated to the Endowment Portfolio for purposes of meeting and complying with the Act's Accumulated Principal Goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that \$40,000,000 be allocated to the Health Fund's Endowment Portfolio; and

RESOLVED, that the Board has reviewed the amounts spent for the year to date and the Health Fund has not spent and it is not anticipated to spend, the Maximum Spending Allowance for 2024, therefore, the Board hereby allocates to the "Spendable Account" the remaining amount of the Maximum Spending Allowance for 2024 to be made available for spending in the balance of the current year and future years, and such amount allocated to the Spendable Account for 2024 may be designated to specific programs at the February 2025 Annual Board Meeting or thereafter.

The motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Karaboyas described the budget process and major activities contained within the proposed preliminary 2025 budget. Ms. Karaboyas presented the preliminary 2025 budget and key assumptions, including staffing, grant making, and program support. She noted that if adjustments are necessary, they will be presented in 2025.

The following motion was made by Ms. Kello and seconded by Ms. Chen-Zhang:

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget for 2025, as presented to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund Board of Directors, be, and it hereby is, ratified, adopted and approved.

The motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Skubik
Secretary of the meeting