July 24, 2019
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
General Session/Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Justin Hodge, Elizabeth Janovic, Jo Ann McCollum, Danyelle Reynolds, Mary Phillips-Smith, Rhonda Weathers, Mark McBride, Shoshana DeMaria,

**Members Absent:** Cherisa Allen, Ryan Hunter, Commissioner Ruth Ann Jamnick, Ashley Jordan, Desmond Miller, Juanita House, Commissioner Ricky Jefferson,

**Staff Present:** Teresa Gillotti, Caitlin Nagler
**Staff Absent:** Morghan Williams
**Guest:**

I. **Call to Order**
   • Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. **Welcome and Introductions**
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III. **Public Comments**
   • No public comments at this time

IV. **Approval of July 24, 2019 Meeting Agenda**
   • A motion was made by Justin to approve the Agenda.
   • Motion supported by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

V. **Approval of May 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
   • Motion made by Rhonda, motion supported by Justin. Motion carried.

VI. **Director’s Updates**
   • Childhood Savings Accounts
     • Teresa and partners, and CAB member Justin Hodge, working on proposal for CSAs; want to see if good fit for Washtenaw County, asking CAB members for feedback
     • Highlights
       ▪ Chamber of Commerce and others involved with CSA proposal looking at idea of providing CSAs to children at schools countywide. The CSA would help children save for college, trade school, whatever education program they choose after high school.
       ▪ Cost to fund accounts about $600,000/year; with some additional funding for staff support
     • Teresa takes questions from CAB members about implementation, and what we can learn from previous examples of CSAs.
Justin gives example of Lansing Save, using MSU FCU; different set up, different challenges, but good example of how it can work

Overall consensus of CAB: seems like a good idea, would like to be updated on progress

- Community Mental Health (CMH) budget deficit
  - Teresa gives update, $10 million deficit for this year
  - Will be discussed at August 7 BoC meeting
  - This shouldn’t impact OCED’s funding
  - Members have concerns about some of the proposed cuts to balance the budget—cuts to reduce services, cuts to CLS provider rates
  - Put this back on the agenda for next meeting, September meeting, so we can discuss with Commissioners present

VII. CAB Policy Updates

- Updating CAB bylaws—these will be ready to send out soon, and hopefully we can review/edit and approve at the September meeting
  a. Quorum is 51%, need to change this in bylaws
  b. Allow for electronic voting if needed, without a meeting
  c. Officer elections will be every two years, to give officers more time to get comfortable in the position—this was discussed at a meeting last year, according to my notes, but it was never added
  d. Proposed new Democratic selection process; Morghan and Caitlin have been researching and discussing with BCAEO to see what meets requirement—new process will including selection of new member by a neighborhood association, community-based organization, etc., to ensure person adequately represents “low-income sector”

- Stipend for CAB members update
  a. Not much to report; still discussing with County attorney

VIII. Announcements

- Parkridge Summer Festival and Joe Dulin Community Day on Saturday, August 24
  a. Volunteers get t-shirts; if you want to volunteer, email Peter, OCED Communications Specialist

- County Single Audit available online:
  https://www.washtenaw.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=76

IX. Board: New Business

- Updates on Advocacy committee meeting
  a. We need to know what’s already happening; research existing programs
  b. What grassroots issues in community; affordable housing, education, etc.
  c. Need to settle on a day for meetings, recurring meeting
  d. Gun violence due to people breaking into cars stealing guns; several recent shootings in Sugarbrook and West Willow neighborhoods
1. Messaging: Lock your car doors
   - Jo Ann went to the Bridges out of Poverty training at Wayne Community College on June 25
     a. Learned a lot; learning about poverty now is different from when she was in school; culture of poverty
   - 2020 Census meeting; people need to be able to trust who is doing the census, who discusses it with people
     a. Can CAB do something to help?
        1. CAB can print/share that the citizenship question will not be on the census
        2. CAB advocacy committee can volunteer time maybe

X. CAB Member Discussion
   - Danyelle talks about her church paying off people’s medical debt; nonprofit bought this debt; MLive article about it
   - Shoshana will send out info about new public transit initiative

XI. Public Comment
   - No public comments at this time

XII. Adjourn
   - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.