

HEALTHWEST
FULL BOARD MINUTES

November 19, 2021

8:00 a.m.

**376 E. Apple Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49442**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Full Board was called to order by Chair Thomas at 8:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Janet Thomas, Janice Hilleary, Stephanie Umlor (Muskegon, MI), John Snider, Jeff Fortenbacher, Thomas Hardy, John Schrier

Members Absent: Remington Sprague, M.D., Marcia Hovey-Wright, Charles Nash, Cheryl Natte

Others Present: Julia Rupp, Brandy Carlson, Cyndi Blair, Amber Berndt, Mike Kimble, Wesley Woods, Catherine Kloska, Jason Bates, Chelsea Kirksey, Kelly France, Matt Plaska, Tami Strodtbeck, Kim Huey, Phil McPherson, Josh Versalle

Guests: Angela Gasiewski

MINUTES

HWB 43-B - It was moved by Mr. Fortenbacher, seconded by Mr. Fortenbacher, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2021 meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program/Personnel Committee

HWB 29-P - It was moved by Mr. Schrier, seconded by Ms. Hilleary, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2021 meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 30-P - It was moved by Mr. Schrier, seconded by Ms. Hilleary, to authorize eliminating the physical and drug screen requirements for HealthWest new hires and approve new hire TB tests be administered by HealthWest staff in our health clinic, effective November 19, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee

HWB 31-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2021 meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 32-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to approve expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2021, in the total amount of \$2,538,860.75.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 33-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to purchase one (1) ceiling track lift motor and two (2) slings, as well as the labor to install, from Accessible Home Designs in the amount of \$8,050.00 and funded through local community supports and the Child Waiver.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 34-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to authorize the HealthWest Executive Director to sign a contract with Eastside Outpatient Services for the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to their patients incarcerated in the Muskegon County Jail, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for a cost not to exceed \$9,600.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 35-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to authorize HealthWest to sign an agreement with Calm.com, Inc. ("Calm") at a cost of \$14,970.24, effective November 3, 2021 through November 3, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 36-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to authorize the approval of a COVID-19 Supplemental FY22 Block Grant to the Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Providers, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for a total grant amount of \$634,165.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 37-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to sign a contract with Hope Network West Michigan, for the period November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to provide personal care and community living supports services in a specialized residential setting for eligible HealthWest consumers, not to exceed \$100,000.00 for FY2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 38-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to contract with up to 20 parent, youth and family representatives for training facilitation, committee participation, committee leadership, document review, service design consultation, and social media assistance, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to be funded through the System of Care Grant, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 39-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to sign a contract with Preferred Lawn Care & Snowplowing Services, LLC, for the 2021/2022 snow removal season. to provide plowing,

de-icing of drives and entrances, shoveling of entrance doors, fire doors, fire hydrants and inner walks, salting of inner sidewalks and entrance doors, shoveling of city sidewalks, and salting of city sidewalks, not to exceed a total of \$39,000.00 for the 2021/2022 winter season.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 40-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to amend the 2022 contract with Relias Learning to purchase up to 525 Behavioral Health user seats and 10 ABA user seats for a total cost of \$60,875.78, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 41-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to sign single case agreements with various out of network hospitals in the amount of \$240,635.00 for FY21 psychiatric inpatient stays for HealthWest consumers.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 42-F - It was moved by Mr. Snider, seconded by Mr. Schrier, to sign a contract **Stratus Video, LLC (AMN Language Services)**, effective November 9, 2021 through September 30, 2022 to provide translation and interpretation services for HealthWest, not to exceed \$26,000.00 for FY2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

HWB 44-B - It was moved by Mr. Fortenbacher, seconded by Mr. Hardy, to approve the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule of the HealthWest Board of Directors for the 2022 calendar year.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 45-B - It was moved by Ms. Hilleary, seconded by Mr. Hardy, to approve the proposed resolution in opposition of Senator Shirkey's *Gearing Towards Integration* Proposal

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 46-B - It was moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Snider, to authorize the HealthWest Board to approve payment to Henry Shein, Invoice 95078694 for a restocking fee for a freezer previously approved under motion HWB 19-F, in the amount of \$4,052.25 and paid for using Covid-19 grant dollars.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 47-B - It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Hardy, to authorize the payment of \$15,000 to CMHA in response to CMHA's Voluntary Special Assessment. These funds are intended to be used by CMHA to strengthen its marketing and advocacy work.

MOTION CARRIED.

HWB 48-B - It was moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Ms. Hilleary, to authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with David VanWinkle, MD to provide jail medical services. This is a budgeted expense and the contract will not exceed \$40,000.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMUNICATION

Ms. Rupp spoke on the highlights of the Director's Report. The Region 6 Media Release was also provided for review. There was much discussion surrounding jail medical and the recent issues surrounding it, the direct care wage increase, State lawsuit, Covid outbreaks, staff fatigue and shortages.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Respectfully,



Janet Thomas
Board Chair
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PRELIMINARY MINUTES

To be adopted and approved at the Full Board Meeting of December 17, 2021

HEALTHWEST

PROGRAM/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BOARD

Via Cheryl Natte, Committee Chair

1. The Program/Personnel Committee met on Friday, November 5, 2021
- * 2. It was recommended, and I move, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2021 meeting as written.
- * 3. It was recommended, and I move, to authorize eliminating the physical and drug screen requirements for HealthWest new hires and approve new hire TB tests be administered by HealthWest staff in our health clinic, effective November 19, 2021.

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HEALTHWEST

PROGRAM/PERSONNEL MEETING MINUTES

**November 5, 2021
8:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Program/Personnel Committee was called to order by Chair Natte at 8:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cheryl Natte, Janet Thomas, Janice Hilleary, John Schrier, Stephanie Umlor

Members Excused: Thomas Hardy

HealthWest Staff Present: Cyndi Blair, Brandy Carlson, Amber Berndt, Cece Riley, Catherine Kloska, Kelly France, Gary Ridley, Matt Plaska, Gordon Peterman, Phil McPherson, Tami Strodtbeck, Chelsea Kirksey, Melina Barrett

MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Hilleary, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2021 meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

It was moved by Mr. Schrier, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to authorize eliminating the physical and drug screen requirements for HealthWest new hires and approve new hire TB tests be administered by HealthWest staff in our health clinic, effective November 19, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The Director was not present this morning.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Natte
Program/Personnel Committee Chair

CN/ab

***PRELIMINARY MINUTES
To be approved at the Program/Personnel Committee Meeting on
December 3, 2021***

HEALTHWEST**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BOARD****via John Snider, Committee Vice Chair**

1. The Finance Committee met on November 12, 2021.
- * 2. It was recommended, and I move, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2021, meeting as written.
- * 3. It was recommended, and I move, to approve expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2021, in the total amount of \$2,538,860.75.
- * 4. It was recommended, and I move, to purchase one (1) ceiling track lift motor and two (2) slings, as well as the labor to install, from Accessible Home Designs in the amount of \$8,050.00.
- * 5. It was recommended, and I move, to sign a contract with Eastside Outpatient Services for the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to their patients incarcerated in the Muskegon County Jail, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for a cost not to exceed \$9,600.00.
- * 6. It was recommended, and I move, to authorize HealthWest to sign an agreement with Calm.com, Inc. ("Calm") at a cost of \$14,970.24, effective November 3, 2021 through November 3, 2022.
- * 7. It was recommended, and I move, to authorize the approval of a COVID-19 Supplemental FY22 Block Grant to the Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Providers, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for a total grant amount of \$634,165.00.
- * 8. It was recommended, and I move, to sign a contract with Hope Network West Michigan, for the period November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to provide personal care and community living supports services in a specialized residential setting for eligible HealthWest consumers, not to exceed \$100,000.00 for FY2022.
- * 9. It was recommended, and I move, to contract with up to 20 parent, youth and family representatives for training facilitation, committee participation, committee leadership, document review, service design consultation, and social media assistance, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to be funded through the System of Care Grant, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
- *10. It was recommended, and I move, to sign a contract with Preferred Lawn Care & Snowplowing Services, LLC, for the 2021/2022 snow removal season. to provide plowing, de-icing of drives and entrances, shoveling of entrance doors, fire doors, fire hydrants and inner walks, salting of inner sidewalks and entrance doors, shoveling of city sidewalks, and salting of city sidewalks, not to exceed a total of \$39,000.00 for the 2021/2022 winter season.
- *11. It was recommended, and I move, to amend the 2022 contract with Relias Learning to purchase up to 525 Behavioral Health user seats and 10 ABA user seats for a total cost of \$60,875.78, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

- *12. It was recommended, and I move, to sign single case agreements with various out of network hospitals in the amount of \$240,635.00 for FY21 psychiatric inpatient stays for HealthWest consumers.
- *13. It was recommended, and I move, to sign a contract **Stratus Video, LLC (AMN Language Services)**, effective November 9, 2021 through September 30, 2022 to provide translation and interpretation services for HealthWest, not to exceed \$26,000.00 for FY2022.

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HEALTHWEST

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 12, 2021

8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chair Snider at 8:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: John Snider, Janet Thomas, Dr. Remington Sprague, Stephanie Umlor, Jeff Fortenbacher

Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Nash, Commissioner Marcia Hovey-Wright

Also Present: Julia Rupp, Brandy Carlson, Amber Berndt, Tami Strodbeck, Kim Huey, Wes Woods, Gordon Peterman, Cyndi Blair, Matt Plaska,

MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2021, meeting as written.

MOTION CARRIED.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Approval of Expenditures for October 2021

It was moved by Dr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Fortenbacher, to approve expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2021, in the total amount of \$2,538,860.75.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Interim Balance Sheets of October 2021

Ms. Carlson presented the Interim Balance Sheets of October 2021, noting that there was a negative cash balance of (\$14,132,857.43) for Fund 2220. Fund 7930 has a positive cash balance of \$655,755.74.

C. HealthWest Expenditures Financial Statement

Ms. Carlson presented the HealthWest Expenditure report for October 2021 which shows the estimated true variance to date of \$2,016,353. Expenditures are under budget to date.

D. Finance Update – Fees and Inpatient Summary

The Substance Abuse Fee Report has negative variance of (\$409,871) through the month of October 2021. It should be noted that this variance report is based on the budget approved by the HealthWest Board during the month of June 2021.

The Other Fees Report has a negative total variance of (\$2,925,374) through the month of October 2021. The variance report is based on the budget approved by the HealthWest Board during the month of June 2021.

E. Budget Variance Analysis Report

Our expenditure budget variance based on the budget approved by the HealthWest Board during the month of October 2021 is \$2,016,353. With no contingencies for October 2021 recognized, this would leave HealthWest with a net variance of approximately (\$1,538,656) for the first month of the fiscal year. Due to the different periods of the budget year that these variances are calculated, this would prorate out to a variance of approximately (\$20,712,094).

Due to this being the first month of the fiscal year, the current expenditures and revenues do not give us a true picture of where HealthWest stands, it is too soon to speculate the true projected deficit/surplus due to contractual service lagging one month in payment and not a full month of Medicaid, Waiver or CCBHC payments received. Once November closes and HealthWest receives their first MDHHS payment, we will have a much better picture of what this year will look like.

F. Month End Projection Trends

Ms. Carlson presented the month-end projection trends for board member review.

G. Medicaid Eligibles by Program

The Medicaid Eligibles graphs were provided for review.

H. Authorization to Purchase Equipment from Accessible Home Designs on Behalf of a HealthWest Consumer

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Umlor, to approve the HealthWest Executive Director to purchase one (1) ceiling track lift motor and two (2) slings, as well as the labor to install, from Accessible Home Designs in the amount of \$8,050.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

I. Authorization to Contract with Eastside Outpatient Services for the Provision of MAT Services to Incarcerated Individuals

It was moved by Ms. Umlor, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to authorize the HealthWest Executive Director to sign a contract with Eastside Outpatient Services for the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services to their patients incarcerated in the Muskegon County Jail, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for a cost not to exceed \$9,600.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

J. Authorization to Sign an Agreement with Calm.com, Inc.

It was moved by Dr. Sprague, seconded by Ms. Umlor, to authorize HealthWest to sign an agreement with Calm.com, Inc. ("Calm") at a cost of \$14,970.24, effective November 3, 2021 through November 3, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

K. Authorization to Approve the COVID-19 Supplemental FY22 Block Grant for the Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Providers

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to authorize the approval of a COVID-19 Supplemental FY22 Block Grant to the Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Providers, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, for a total grant amount of \$634,165.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

L. Authorization to Contract with Hope Network West Michigan to Provide Personal Care and Community Living Supports Services

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to sign a contract with Hope Network West Michigan, for the period November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to provide personal care and community living supports services in a specialized residential setting for eligible HealthWest consumers, not to exceed \$100,000.00 for FY2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

M. Authorization to Contract with Twenty (20) Parent, Youth, and Family Representatives to Perform Various Functions for the MyAlliance Program

It was moved by Dr. Sprague, seconded by Mr. Fortenbacher, to contract with up to 20 parent, youth and family representatives for training facilitation, committee participation, committee leadership, document review, service design consultation, and social media assistance, effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to be funded through the System of Care Grant, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

N. Authorization to Contract with Preferred Lawn Care and Snowplowing Services, LLC for the 2021/2022 Snow Removal Season

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Umlor, to sign a contract with Preferred Lawn Care & Snowplowing Services, LLC, for the 2021/2022 snow removal season. to provide plowing, de-icing of drives and entrances, shoveling of entrance doors, fire doors, fire hydrants and inner walks, salting of inner sidewalks and entrance doors, shoveling of city sidewalks, and salting of city sidewalks, not to exceed a total of \$39,000.00 for the 2021/2022 winter season.

MOTION CARRIED.

O. Authorization to Amend the 2022 Calendar Year Contract with Relias Learning to Provide Additional User Seats

It was moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Sprague, to amend the 2022 contract with Relias Learning to purchase up to 525 Behavioral Health user seats and 10 ABA user seats for a total cost of \$60,875.78, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

P. Authorization to Sign Single Case Agreements with Various Out of Network Hospitals

It was moved by Dr. Sprague, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to sign single case agreements with various out of network hospitals in the amount of \$240,635.00 for FY21 psychiatric inpatient stays for HealthWest consumers.

MOTION CARRIED.

Q. Authorization to Contract with Stratus Video, LLC for Translation and Interpretation Services

It was moved by Dr. Sprague, seconded by Ms. Umlor, to sign a contract **Stratus Video, LLC (AMN Language Services)**, effective November 9, 2021 through September 30, 2022 to provide translation and interpretation services for HealthWest, not to exceed \$26,000.00 for FY2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Rupp spoke on the MDHHS meeting that took place this week regarding the lack of residential beds available statewide. This ends up falling onto the CMH as the safety net and is pushing the CMH into providing direct run services, which we don't typically do. While finding staff is difficult, we don't have much choice as no community partners are willing take them in. Julia will continue to explore options, including the issuing of an RFP.

Dr. Sprague inquired about Shirkey's bills and the status of them. He noted that the message that people are standing behind is the integration of the behavioral and mental health services and they are not aware of the implementation difficulties that will follow.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully,

John Snider
Committee Chair

JS/ab

**PRELIMINARY MINUTES
To be approved at the Finance Meeting on
December 10, 2021**

REQUEST FOR HEALTHWEST CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION

COMMITTEE Full Board	BUDGETED	NON BUDGETED	PARTIALLY BUDGETED
REQUESTING DIVISION Administration	REQUEST DATE November 19, 2021		REQUESTOR SIGNATURE Julia B Rupp, Executive Director
<u>SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)</u>			
Approval of the 2022 HealthWest Board of Muskegon County Meeting Schedule is being requested. Meetings will be held as follows:			
<u>Program/Personnel Committee</u>	<u>Recipient Rights Committee</u>	<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Full Board</u>
January 14 th , 2022	**	January 21 st , 2022	January 28 th , 2022
February 11 th , 2022	February 11 th , 2022	February 18 th , 2022	February 25 th , 2022
March 11 th , 2022	**	March 18 th , 2022	March 25 th , 2022
April 15 th , 2022	April 15 th , 2022	April 22 nd , 2022	April 29 th , 2022 ***
May 6 th , 2022*	**	May 13 th , 2022 *	May 20 th , 2022 *
June 10 th , 2022	June 10 th , 2022	June 17 th , 2022	June 24 th , 2022
July 15 th , 2022	**	July 22 nd , 2022	July 29 th , 2022
August 12 th , 2022	August 12 th , 2022	August 19 th , 2022	August 26 th , 2022
September 9 th , 2022	**	September 16 th , 2022	September 30 th , 2022
October 14 th , 2022	October 14 th , 2022	October 21 st , 2022	October 28 th , 2022
November 4 th , 2022 *	**	Thursday, November 10 th , 2022 *	November 18 th , 2022 *
December 2 nd , 2022 *	December 2 nd , 2022 *	December 9 th , 2022 *	December 16 th , 2022 *
*Due to holiday ** Only meets even numbered months *** Annual Meeting			
<u>SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)</u>			
I move to approve the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule of the HealthWest Board of Directors for the 2022 calendar year.			
COMMITTEE DATE	COMMITTEE APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		
BOARD DATE	BOARD APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		

HWB 44-B



2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The HealthWest Board of Directors meets on the following schedule, on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. at 376 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442 (unless otherwise noted) (231) 724-1111

<u>Program/Personnel Committee</u>	<u>Recipient Rights Committee</u>	<u>Finance Committee</u>	<u>Full Board</u>
January 14 th , 2022	**	January 21 st , 2022	January 28 th , 2022
February 11 th , 2022	February 11 th , 2022	February 18 th , 2022	February 25 th , 2022
March 11 th , 2022	**	March 18 th , 2022	March 25 th , 2022
April 15 th , 2022	April 15 th , 2022	April 22 nd , 2022	April 29 th , 2022 ***
May 6 th , 2022 *	**	May 13 th , 2022 *	May 20 th , 2022 *
June 10 th , 2022	June 10 th , 2022	June 17 th , 2022	June 24 th , 2022
July 15 th , 2022	**	July 22 nd , 2022	July 29 th , 2022
August 12 th , 2022	August 12 th , 2022	August 19 th , 2022	August 26 th , 2022
September 9 th , 2022	**	September 16 th , 2022	September 30 th , 2022
October 14 th , 2022	October 14 th , 2022	October 21 st , 2022	October 28 th , 2022
November 4 th , 2022 *	**	Thursday, November 10 th , 2022 *	November 18 th , 2022 *
December 2 nd , 2022 *	December 2 nd , 2022 *	December 9 th , 2022 *	December 16 th , 2022 *

* Meeting falls outside of the typical 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month schedule due to a holiday

** The Rights Committee meetings only take place on even numbered months

*** Annual/Nominating Committee Meeting



**HEALTHWEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION #094
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SENATOR SHIRKEY'S GEARING TOWARDS INTEGRATION
PROPOSAL**

At a regular meeting of the HealthWest Board of Directors, held at 376 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI on the 19th day of November, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. local time, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Muskegon County has established a community mental health services program, doing business as HealthWest, whose responsibility is to provide direct delivery of mental health services to the county under P.A. 258 of 1974 that calls for providing for the establishment and administration of county community mental health programs; and

WHEREAS, HealthWest, organized under the terms of Section 204(a) of the Michigan Mental Health Code, has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area; and

WHEREAS, HealthWest has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide a broad array of innovative and cutting-edge services for the last 57 years and is a certified community mental health services program under the terms of Sections 232(a) of Code (MCL330.1232[a]); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the HealthWest Board of Directors strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose Senator Shirkey's Gearing Towards Integration Proposal and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act, which would privatize the public mental health system and essentially eliminate the public safety net; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senator Shirkey's Gearing Towards Integration Proposal was formerly called Section 298 and that pilot program that provided the foundation for this latest proposal was abandon as unworkable.

Janet Thomas, Chair
HealthWest Board of Directors

REQUEST FOR HEALTHWEST BOARD CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION

COMMITTEE Full Board	BUDGETED X	NON-BUDGETED	PARTIALLY BUDGETED
REQUESTING DIVISION Finance	REQUEST DATE November 19, 2021	REQUESTOR SIGNATURE Brandy Carlson, Chief Financial Officer	
<u>SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)</u>			
<p>HealthWest Board authorization is requested to approve payment to Henry Schein, Invoice 95078694 for a restocking fee for a freezer previously purchased under motion HWB 19-F, in the amount of \$4,052.25. The fee will be paid for using Covid-19 grant dollars.</p>			
<u>SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)</u>			
<p>I move to authorize the HealthWest Board to approve payment to Henry Shein, Invoice 95078694 for a restocking fee for a freezer previously approved under motion HWB 19-F, in the amount of \$4,052.25 and paid for using Covid-19 grant dollars.</p>			
COMMITTEE DATE	COMMITTEE APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		
BOARD DATE	BOARD APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		

HWB 46-B



SHIP TO: 04047722
 Health West Vaccination Site
 1364 Terrace St
 Muskegon, MI 49442-3545

BILL TO: 02868181
 Cmmnty Mental Of Muskegon Co
 376 E Apple Ave
 Muskegon, MI 49442-3466

EQUIPMENT INVOICE

Cmmnty Mental Of Muskegon Co
 376 E Apple Ave
 Muskegon, MI 49442-3466

REFERENCE#	16688792
INVOICE#	95078694
INVOICE DATE	06/17/2021
FED ID# 11-3136595 DUNS#01-243-0880	

CENTER	HENRY SCHEIN INC CEN
ORDER#	EQ21061400089
CUSTOMER PO	01282021
BALANCE DUE	\$4085.43

Please detach and mail above with your payment

LINE#	ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	TAX	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
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SR Type: Office Expansion

CDD06152021 CDD/IN

1	9997660	HS EQUIPMENT Fee: Equipment Restocking		1	3499.25	3499.25
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RE-PRINT

REFERENCE# 16688792	Labor	.00
INVOICE# 95078694	Equipment & Parts	3499.25
INVOICE DATE 06/17/2021	SUB TOTAL	3499.25
ORDER# EQ21061400089	Shipping & Handling	553.00
	Tax	33.18
	ORDER TOTAL	4085.43
	Less Deposit	
	BALANCE DUE	\$4085.43

Customer Service 1-800-645-6594
 Option 1 for Equipment; Option 5 for Credit and Billing
 ** See reverse side for Terms Of Sale **

Terms of Sale

THE HENRY SCHEIN PRICE POLICY:

We endeavor to maintain prices for the duration of a catalog, but we reserve the right to make price adjustments in response to manufacturers' price increases or extraordinary circumstances. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Henry Schein, Inc. ("Henry Schein") and customer agree that the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth shall govern the relationship between Henry Schein and the customer to the extent that the parties do not have a written agreement in effect that conflicts with such terms and conditions. Customer acknowledges and accepts all such terms and conditions by placing an order for goods with Henry Schein, and upon Henry Schein's delivery of the order to the customer.

Choose Your Payment Method

Reduce the cost and administration of paying Henry Schein— Pay electronically (ACH Debit) or set up AutoPay. Please call Customer Service for details.

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Regulations require us to limit the sale of Rx and controlled substances only to registered, licensed healthcare professionals. If you are a new customer or have recently moved, please furnish us with a copy of your updated state and federal registrations verifying your shipping address. Please note that all orders for controlled substances are subject to a due diligence review process. Schedule II controlled substances can be ordered electronically or by mail. For more information on our Controlled Substance Ordering System please visit www.henryschein.com/e222; if you prefer to continue using Federal 222 Forms to order Schedule II controlled substances, mail the form to: Henry Schein, Inc. • 5315 West 74th Street • Indianapolis, IN 46268 • Henry Schein restricts the sale or other transfer of medications to prisons/correctional facilities for use in lethal injections, based on our manufacturer agreements. The goods Henry Schein sells are intended to be used for their label-approved purposes or applicable standards of care, which do not include human lethal injection.

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REGULATORY REQUIREMENT:

Local regulatory requirements may apply to use or installation of certain products. Be sure to understand and comply with any such requirements prior to purchase, use, or installation of products.

RETURNS:

WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY RETURNS WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.

To arrange for a return, simply call our Customer Service department or contact your Sales Consultant. The following conditions must be complied with:

- All returns must be accompanied by a copy of your invoice and a reason for the return.
- Merchandise must be returned in its original unopened container, unmarked, and properly packaged • Returned products must have been purchased within the previous thirty (30) days. Any returns past thirty (30) days are subject to a restocking fee.
- Shortages or errors in shipments must be reported within seven (7) days of invoice date to issue

DISCOUNTS, REBATES AND DISCLOSURES:

Invoice or statement prices may reflect or be subjected to a bundled discount or rebate pursuant to purchase offer, promotion or discount program. You must fully and accurately report to Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare and/or any other federal or State program, upon request by such program, the discounted price(s) or net price(s) for each invoiced item, after giving effect to any applicable discounts or rebates, which price(s) may differ from the extended prices set forth on your invoice. Accordingly, you should retain your invoice and all relevant information for your records. It is your responsibility to review any agreements or other documents, including offers or promotions, applicable to the invoiced products/prices to determine if your purchase(s) are subject to a bundled discount or rebate. Any such discounts must be calculated pursuant to the terms of the applicable purchase offer, promotion or discount program. Participation in a promotional discount program is only permissible in accordance with discount program rules. By participation in such program, you agree that, to your knowledge, your practice complies with the discount program requirements.

credit (if applicable) • Shipping charges will apply on all returns.

Exceptions:

The following special, customized, or government-regulated items are not returnable:

- Immune globulin products • Special order items (products that we do not ordinarily stock)
- Personalized and imprinted items • Opened computer hardware and software Hazardous/flammable materials • Expired products • Items that cannot be returned to the manufacturer Any item marked nonreturnable • Items required to be shipped and stored frozen • Any drop-shipped products

Equipment:

Opened and used equipment may not be returned for credit. Before opening equipment, we suggest that you check the shipping container and packing list to ensure that you are getting exactly what you ordered. Equipment must be returned in the original unopened packaging, unmarked and properly packaged. Special order equipment is not returnable. All equipment returns are subject to a restocking fee. Equipment is backed by the manufacturer's repair or replacement warranty. Please read and return all warranty information required immediately upon taking delivery of your new equipment. Open or defective equipment is subject to the manufacturer's warranty.

Prescription Drug Returns:

Please note that, in order to comply with Federal and State traceability requirements, prescription drugs may be returned providing that the following key elements are met:

- Returns of prescription drugs will only be accepted if HSI is notified within 30 calendar days of shipment date and valid return authorization is issued by HSI.
- The Prescription Drug Marketing Act requires any customer returning prescription drugs to complete and return a Prescription Drug Return Authorization form. Federal law requires that the healthcare entity returning prescription drugs document that the product was kept under proper storage and handling conditions while in their possession and during the return of the product. To get a copy of the form and proper return authorization, please contact Customer Service.
- In addition, traceability regulations require that the healthcare entity returning prescription drugs certifies that the product being returned is the same exact product purchased from HSI.
- Henry Schein will not issue credit for any returned prescription drugs which return was not authorized as provided herein, have been tampered with or where the labeling has been altered in any way.

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ARBITRATION:

All Claims related to or arising under or relating to this Agreement are to be exclusively and finally determined by binding arbitration in the state of New York, or another location mutually agreeable to the parties. Any and all Claims must be arbitrated on an individual basis, and there shall be no right or authority for any Claims or disputes to be arbitrated on a class action or collective basis. For avoidance of doubt, each party irrevocably waives any right to: (i) have any Claim resolved in connection with any class action or collective action, or (ii) recover any damages or relief directly or indirectly as part of any class action or collective action. The arbitration shall be conducted on a confidential basis pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, or if applicable, under its Procedures for Large, Complex Commercial Disputes. Any decision or award as a result of any such arbitration proceeding shall be in writing and shall provide an explanation for all conclusions of law and fact and shall include the assessment of costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees. Any such arbitration shall be conducted by an arbitrator experienced in the disputed subject matter and shall include a written record of the arbitration hearing. The parties reserve the right to object to any individual who shall be or has been at any time employed by or affiliated with a competing organization or entity. An award of arbitration may be confirmed in a court of competent jurisdiction. To the extent that any Claim or dispute is determined to not be subject to arbitration, all other Claims or disputes that would otherwise be subject to arbitration must be arbitrated. As used in this Agreement, "Claims" shall mean any and all liabilities, disputes and expenses whatsoever including, without limitation, claims, adversary proceedings (whether before a court, administrative agency or any other tribunal), damages (whether compensatory, multiple, exemplary or punitive), judgments, awards, penalties, settlements, investigations, costs, responses to subpoenas or other governmental directives and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements with respect to any claims that may be sustained, suffered or incurred by a Party hereto.

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Henry Schein will pass through to the customer, at the time of sale, any transferable product warranties, indemnities and remedies provided to Henry Schein by the applicable manufacturer. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, HENRY SCHEIN PROVIDES NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT, AND THE CUSTOMER SHALL LOOK TO THE MANUFACTURER OF THE PRODUCT FOR ANY WARRANTY THEREON.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

The customer agrees to look solely to the manufacturer of the product for any claim arising due to loss, injury, damage or death related to the use or sale of products. HENRY SCHEIN SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOST PROFITS AND LOSS OF GOODWILL, ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO ANY BREACH TO THIS AGREEMENT (OR ANY DUTY OF COMMON LAW, AND WHETHER OR NOT OCCASIONED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF HENRY SCHEIN OR ITS AFFILIATES), REGARDLESS OF ANY NOTICE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

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To Place An Order 1-800-772-4346 8am-8pm, et
To Fax An Order 1-800-329-9109 24 Hours
Customer Service 1-800-472-4346 8am-8:30pm, et
Internet www.henryschein.com/medical
E-mail medsls@henryschein.com

eCommerce Technical Support 1-800-711-6032 8am-8pm, et
PRIVILEGES 1-866-633-8477 9am-5pm, et
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ProRepair 1-800-367-3674 8am-7pm, et
International Dept. (USA) 1-631-843-5325 or Fax 1-631-843-5676
In Canada 1-800-223-3300 8am-7pm, et

Henry Schein Medical/EMS

To Place An Order 1-800-845-3550 8:30am-5:30pm, et
To Fax An Order 1-800-533-4793 24 Hours
Customer Service 1-800-845-3550 8:30am-5:30pm, et
Internet www.henryschein.com/ems
E-mail ems@henryschein.com

340B Program

To Place An Order 1-877-344-3402 8:30am-5:30pm, et
To Fax An Order 1-888-885-2253 24 Hours
Customer Service 1-877-344-3402 8:30am-5:30pm, et
Internet www.henryschein.com/medical
E-mail customer.support@henryschein.com
e-Commerce Support 1-800-711-6032 8am-8pm, et

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To Place An Order 1-800-323-5110 8am-8pm, et
To Fax An Order 1-800-524-4969 24 Hours
Customer Service 1-800-323-5110 8am-8:30pm, et
Internet www.henryschein.com
Email athleticsandschools@henryschein.com

REQUEST FOR HEALTHWEST BOARD CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION

COMMITTEE Full Board	BUDGETED X	NON-BUDGETED	PARTIALLY BUDGETED
REQUESTING DIVISION Finance	REQUEST DATE November 19, 2021	REQUESTOR SIGNATURE Julia Rupp	
<u>SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)</u>			
<p>BACKGROUND: During its meeting on November 12, 2021 the CMHA Steering Committee, by a unanimous vote, supported the issuance, by CMHA, of a Voluntary Special Assessment of its CMH and PIHP members.</p> <p>PURPOSE OF VOLUNTARY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: The purpose of this special assessment (in which participation is voluntary on the part of each CMH and PIHP) is to provide a significantly increased level of funding for CMHA's advocacy work – an increase designed to match the level of threats and opportunities faced by the state's CMHs and PIHPs and those whom we serve.</p> <p>These increased dollars would be used, as your dues and fees to CMHA are currently used, to fund the advocacy, government affairs, and media/public relations work of CMHA - but with greater intensity and reach.</p> <p>The legal and accounting bases for your supporting this special assessment are no different than those for the dues and fees that you have traditionally paid to CMHA- thus allowing the use of any funding source (Medicaid, GF, local, earned revenue, etc.) to be used to pay this special assessment.</p> <p>Advocacy efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media campaigns • Electronic Action Alerts • Media relations including guest editorials • Development of coalitions and partnerships with allies across the state • Legislative relations (carried out by CMHA staff and CMHA's multi-client lobbyists) including dialogue with legislators and targeted contributions from the CMHA Advocacy Fund to the corporate accounts of legislators • Dialogue with executive branch leaders • Policy and fiscal analysis (sometimes captured in white papers) 			
<u>SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)</u>			
I move to approve the HealthWest Board of Directors authorize the payment of \$15,000 to CMHA in response to CMHA's Voluntary Special Assessment. These funds are intended to be used by CMHA to strengthen its marketing and advocacy work.			
COMMITTEE DATE	COMMITTEE APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		
BOARD DATE	BOARD APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		

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<p><u>SUMMARY OF REQUEST (GENERAL DESCRIPTION, FINANCING, OTHER OPERATIONAL IMPACT, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES)</u></p> <p>Our Medical Director of the jail will be out indefinitely due to a major illness. We cannot operate jail medical services without this position. We have contact Dr Van Winkle who has agreed to contact for this position during this time at a rate of \$150 per hour for an average of 8-10 hours per week as needed, this will include being on call. This is a budgeted expense in the jail medical program.</p>			
<p><u>SUGGESTED MOTION (STATE EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE MINUTES)</u></p> <p>I move to authorize the Executive director to sign a contract with David VanWinkle MD to provide jail medical services. This is a budgeted expense and the contract will not exceed \$40,000.</p>			
COMMITTEE DATE	COMMITTEE APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		
BOARD DATE	BOARD APPROVAL _____ Yes _____ No _____ Other		

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 19, 2021

To: HealthWest Board of Directors

CC: Muskegon County Commissioners
Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator
Angie Gasiewski, Muskegon County Accounting Manager

From: Julia Rupp, Executive Director

Subject: **Director's Update**

Direct Care Wage Update

We received the update from the State this week on the increase in Direct Care Wages. The amount that was approved by the legislators was \$2.25 plus .29 cents for administration. Unfortunately, this still must be accounted for separately, which adds to the administrative burden for both the provider's and the CMH. In addition, only \$2.00 per hour was calculated in the rates by Milliman, we were told verbally that an adjustment would be made but as of today have not seen an adjustment.

Authority Status

An updated action plan outline was distributed to the county commissioners at their request. The county Administrator and I have suggested that we have a joint work session with HealthWest board members and staff and County commissioners and staff to discuss and answer questions. This will be scheduled in January.

Senate Bills 597 and 598

These were voted out of committee on October 26th and will now go to the full Senate. There were substantial changes to the bills when they came out of committee. The phased approach to moving money from the PIHPs to the Medicaid Health Plans was slowed down and went from three phases to four. Phase one starts with youth, then adults with SMI, followed by persons with substance use disorders and finally persons with Developmental Disabilities. Provisions were also added that allowed the State to stop at any phase if it was not successful based on data (not defined) and penalties to the PIHP if they did not continue to provide services during this time of transition. Senate Bill 598 also had a change in the language that would eliminate CMHSPs. It removes the CMHSP from the Mental health code and replaces it with the SIP. The resolution being brought forth to our board today will also be brought to the county commission for their consideration. Many counties have already passed similar resolutions as these bills eliminate the local control of services.

Taking the lead from our Association, we have supported their advocacy efforts regarding these two senate bills threatening privatization of the CMH system. Our efforts include:

- Multiple posts have been made through our Facebook and Twitter social media channels
- Direct media outreach, which led to statewide media coverage <https://michiganadvance.com/2021/10/07/very-scary-for-us-advocates-worry-whitmer-wont-veto-bills-privatizing-mental-health-care/>
- Creation of www.healthwest.net/advocacy to host information on the bills and what individuals can do in response
- Creation and distribution of social media graphics on the issue
- Two community-wide emails outlining the issues which were read by more than 1,100 people.
 - o As a direct result from this email, a total of 67 people followed the link to submit a letter to their elected officials. 9,000 emails have been submitted statewide.
- Encouraged staff to meet with staff lawmakers to voice their concerns

COMMUNITY TRAINING/PRESENTATIONS:

We have recently seen an increase in requests to bring mental health and suicide prevention training to various groups and organizations. In the past 6 weeks we have spoken to and trained the following organizations:

- Delivered a keynote address at the Muskegon Area Labor Management Committee (MALMC) annual dinner about mental health in the workplace and how to support employees
- Trained 25-30 Goodwill supervisors in compassion fatigue, burnout and mental well-being
- Trained over 100 students in Whitehall schools in mental health 101 and suicide prevention
- Met twice with nearly 65 staff from AGS Company Automotive Solutions to discuss mental health, suicide prevention and self-care planning
- We have additionally provided mental health and suicide prevention training at a handful of local churches
- We have further conversations underway with Every Women's Place, Hackley Community Care, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and others

COVID-19 Update

We have received legal opinion that the CMS rule does apply to HealthWest. Fortunately, as the HealthWest board had already passed a policy that required vaccination (inclusive of allowable exemption based on medical exemption or religious beliefs) along with the fact that nearly 90% of our staff are already in compliance will allow us to come into compliance with these rules in the outlined timelines.

Region 6 issued a press release this week regarding the stress on the HealthCare System (attached). We too are experiencing the effects of the increase of Covid positive individuals. We have had workplace exposures due to staff not following covid policy. We have several staff out on quarantine or that are COVID positive. And we have multiple group homes with infections and this week we had a client die with COVID being the reason. It has been a tough couple of weeks, and I want to thank staff for their continued endurance, as we are all getting quite fatigued. I particularly want to thank our nursing and medical staff for managing the ongoing vaccination clinic and testing clinic which they manage on top of their regular duties.

Jail Medical

We have given notice to the Sheriff that we can no longer manage the jail medical services. We will continue to provide the service until another provider can be put not place. In large part due to COVID we do not have sufficient resources to manage jail medical. The combination of national workforce shortages in health care, and the increased needs for medical staff in our operations as well as taking on a supportive role to our health Department all contribute to this decision.



Media Release

Region 6 Healthcare Coalition

1675 Leahy Street, Suite 308B Muskegon, Michigan 49442

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2021

For additional information contact:

R6Media@wmrmc.org

A Letter to Region 6 Communities

The health care systems within Region 6 are at a tipping point - our individual and collective resources are being overwhelmed, and we need our communities' help to get back on track. For all Michigan Region 6 care providers, the health and well-being of our patients, their families, our communities and our team members are our top priority.

The hospitals and EMS systems in our region are operating at extremely high capacity - and have been for weeks. While other areas of the country have seen the number of patients with COVID-19 decline, our numbers are on the rise. We are also seeing more patients with other serious health issues that cannot be further delayed or ignored.

How does that impact you?

- Wait times for emergency, urgent or primary care may be much longer than usual
- Ambulance transfers may be delayed
- Surgeries or procedures may be deferred to a later date
- Visitor restrictions remain in effect
- You may have a prolonged stay in the emergency department waiting for a bed in the hospital

Similar to other industries in the region, state and across the country, we are also experiencing staffing challenges. Our team members are exhausted and are doing their very best care for our communities.

It is important to note that the strain on our system is due to the COVID-19 response, plus the many other demands our teams are facing to care for seriously ill patients. If more people were vaccinated, that would help reduce the number of COVID-19 patients, as most of the COVID-19 patients in the ED and admitted remain unvaccinated. This is impacting our ability to care for those who are seriously injured in a car accident, suffer a heart attack, stroke, or experience another medical emergency or issue. We are concerned there will be a surge of influenza along with the current COVID-19 surge adding to the capacity issues. We strongly urge people to get the influenza vaccine as well.

Please utilize your primary care office for minor or non-emergent problems. Urgent care is also available for non-emergent needs. If you have an emergency, please call 911 or go to the emergency department as soon as possible. During the prior surge some people waited too long because they did not want to burden the emergency department. Unfortunately, some of those people came too late to treat their emergent condition such as stroke, heart attack or diabetic emergency. Please be patient with our staff in the hospital as everyone is doing all they can to care for a large number of patients.

Media Release

Everyone can pitch in to help. We're pleading with our community members to do everything they can to avoid COVID-19 and lead a healthy lifestyle:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccination or booster if you are eligible
- Get children 5-18 a Covid-19 vaccination
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a mask when in indoor public spaces or outdoors when unable to socially distance
- Practice healthy behaviors such as socially distancing, getting good sleep, eating well and exercising.

We know that together we can get through this safely, but we need your help. Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate through these challenges.

Jerry Evans, MD, MMM, FACEP
Medical Director
Region 6 Healthcare Coalition
In cooperation with Region 6 Hospitals and EMS agencies

Region 6: Clare, Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa

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