



**Wayne County Parent Advisory Committee**

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
 June 11, 2020

**Call to Order**

Eileen Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

**Members Present:** Virtual Meeting- A roll call performed by Jenn Padgett

Maha Jaber Cresstwood	Joann Goree Detroit	Jennifer Seal Garden City	Heather Stefan Grosse Ile
Maria Quint Grosse Pointe	Helena Stephenson Harper Woods	Crystal Upshaw Lincoln Park	Eileen Brandt Livonia
Kara Clarke Livonia	Maria Warmuth Northville	Khalilah Montgomery Redford Union	Carol Matthews Riverview
Michelle Muse-Worthy Southgate	Celestine Tarver Taylor	Lori Huntington Westwood	Jennifer Padgett Woodhaven/Brownst own
Priscilla Grossenheider- Albano Woodhaven/Brownstown	Jim Michalik Canton Charter Academy	Samara Wolf Quest Charter Academy	Jamie Czernik Trenton

**Members on Phone:** N/A

**Members Excused:** Ilesha Brasell, Jacqueline Dalzell, Michelle DeJesus,

**Guest Present:** Linda Junod, Theresa Beard, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Beth Kohler

**RESA Representatives:** Larry Stemple Regina Baker

<b><i>Dates to Remember</i></b>	
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Sept. 10, 2020 Virtually	

**I. Approval of Agenda**

A copy of the meeting agenda was emailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Carol Matthews and seconded by Jim Mihalik to accept the agenda. Motion was supported by majority of members present. No objections were made.

Objections: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the May 1, 2020 minutes was emailed and posted to the website to members in advance and made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Kara Clarke and seconded by Jenn Padgett to accept the minutes as noted. Motion supported by majority present. No objections were made.

Objections: None NOTE\*\*\* The minutes were sent last minute.

**III. Presentation:**

**IV. Chairperson Report** – Eileen wanted to say thank you to the entire PAC, she’s pleased that we all stuck it out together, she’s appreciates the executive board. One of our PAC members could use some help. Michelle DeJesus and her family suffered from a house fire. It sounds as though all items were lost but everyone is okay physically. There is a go fund me account if anyone is able/willing to help the family out. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/donations-for-mrs-dejesus> is the link.

**\*\*\*\*\*A motion was made by Kara Clarke for the PAC to send the Dejesus family \$200.00 from the treasurer fund. Samara Wolf seconded, motion passed.**

**V. Vice Chairperson Report-** Eileen ditto’s on Eileens’ thank you’s to the PAC and the executive board. She also wanted us to all have a head’s up that September’s meeting WILL be virtual. You will receive information ahead of time but the fair warning is appreciated.

**VI. Secretary Report** If you need business cards either because you are new or just need new ones please contact Samara Wolf or Jennifer Padgett so they can gather the necessary information for RESA. Even though we are not meeting in person please make sure you sign in at each meeting not just for minute purposes but also for year end mileage reimbursement. If it’s a virtual meeting please make sure a member of the board knows you are there so you can be accounted for.

We brought up about watching for emails from Larry and Zeinab regarding mileage reimbursements and the accounting department needing W-9 and ACH forms filled out. The deadline is 6/12/2020.

**VII. Treasurer Report** The account balance remains at \$2,451.30

**VIII. Membership/Public Relations Subcommittee**

## IX. Subcommittee Reports

Legislative committee, Jenn presented on the bills with changes (and a couple new bills recently submitted), see below for specifics.

Special Recognition – There was extensive conversation regarding having a special VIRTUAL meeting for those nominated by the PAC. Nothing was set in stone, but please watch for any special notices regarding this topic.

- X. **RESA Reports** – The only thing Larry had for the PAC was to state if your term is expiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 then please contact Larry and if you feel motivated you can contact Special Education Director for re-appointment.

- XI. **Member Reports** We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Lori Huntington whose child is aging out so she will not be returning next school year. We appreciate all you have done over the years and wish you a great deal of happiness in any and ALL future endeavors and adventures, you are AMAZING Lori, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Samara Wolf and seconded by Carol Matthews to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion passed by majority present. No objections were made.

**The next WCPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 VIRTUALLY (at 6:30pm)**

Helpful Notes:

- [Bills are introduced in either house of the legislature](#) (Senate or the House)
  - SB are state level bills introduced by the Senate and filed with the Secretary of the Senate
    - Find your State Representative [HERE](#)
  - HB are state level bills introduced by the House and filed with the Clerk of the House
    - Find your State Representative [HERE](#)
  - HR are federal level bills introduced into the house at the federal level. Want to know who your representative is click [HERE](#)
  - Want to be notified when bills are being worked that are in areas of interest to you? Create a free profile and manage your notification preference here: <https://www.michiganvotes.org/>
  - Updates since last report show **highlighted in yellow**
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- The House HEROS Act: Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act or the HEROES Act is in response to Covid-19 and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Some of the items covered in the 1854-page bill are 2020 supplemental appropriations to federal agencies, gives \$1,200 direct payment to individuals, expand paid sick days, family and medical leave, unemployment compensation, nutrition and food assistance, housing assistance, and payments to farmer. Expands Paycheck Protection Program to provide loans and grants to small businesses and non-profit organizations. There is a companion bill in the Senate but it appears the bills will be a stalemate in that the house will not pass the Senate's version of the bill and the Senate will not pass the House's version of the bill.
  - SNAP (Bridge Card) is being accepted for Grocery delivery and pick up. In place for Walmart and Amazon currently. To confirm if the grocer of your choice is participating in the Bridge card for curbside pick up or delivery it is recommended that you call the merchant directly before you place your order.

Bill #	Bill Name / Summary	Status	Link to Bill
HB4516	Symbol of Accessibility: Change the image of the handicap symbol to something that implies action rather than stillness and will remove the word handicap and replace it with reserved	Passed in the house back in Oct 2019 and out of Senate Committee. Now will full senate and on the senate calendar (#49). <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HB 4516</a>
HB4813	Tax credit Home Modification: tax credit when retro fitting or building a home that is accessible. (Caped at \$1m for the entire state of MI). Includes the house of a relative. Companion Bill in the Senate is SB0421	Referred to committee on Tax Policy in July 2019. Letter of information sent to full house. Should be voted on this session. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HB 4813</a>
HB4718	Bill to limit the use of chemical restraint on patients receiving mental health services.	Still with committee on Health Policy in June 2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HB 4718</a>
HB4910 /HB4811	A bill to regulate the prescription of physiological support animals (PSA) by health care providers and requests for reasonable accommodation for emotional support animals in housing; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe penalties. Companion Bills in the Senate are SB0608, SB0609, and SB0610	Substitute bill recommended and sent with referral and 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading on 3/3/2020. Now with the full house under 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading. <b>Passed in the house and sent to committee on regulatory reform on 4/16/2020</b>	<a href="#">Link to HB 4910</a>
HR555	To prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports, and for other purposes. The bill requires the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to issue regulations requiring government entities and insurance providers to offer community-based long-term services to individuals with such disabilities who would otherwise qualify for institutional placement. Government entities must ensure sufficient availability of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing that is not a disability-specific residential setting or a setting where services are tied to tenancy. Companion Senate Bill is SB0117	Introduced to the house in January 2019, Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in February 2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 555</a>
HR1529	Purpose is to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to provide that the supplemental security income benefits of adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities shall not be reduced by reason of marriage.	Introduced to the house in March 2019, referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support on 3/5/19 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on 3/5/19. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 1529</a>
HR4280	To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the supplemental security income program, and for other purposes	Introduced into the house in Sept 2019, referred to both the House Committee on Ways and Means and Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support on 9/11/19. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 4280</a>

HR4882	To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to provide training to improve police responses for people with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities, to increase the authorization of appropriations for mental health awareness training grants, and for other purpose	Introduced into the house in October 2019, referred to several committees with the latest one being Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security in Dec 2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 488 2</a>
SB600	Bill to amend the revised school code as it relates to Michigan merit curriculum and graduation requirements	Introduced in Oct 2019, referred to committee of the whole with substitutes and amendments on 12/4/2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to SB 600</a>
SB0657	Revised School Code Updates as it relates to requirements for professional and alternative teaching certificates and the process	Introduced in Nov 19, referred to Education and Career Readiness committee in Nov 19, passed through several committees, and is now with the committee on education as of 3/5/2020. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to SB 065 7</a>
HB5541	Allows an individual applying for a state ID card to elect to have a communication impediment designation tied to their data, data will be limited to law enforcement. Companion Bills in the Senate are SB278 & 279.	Introduced in Feb 2020, sent to both committee on transportation and Ways and Means on in March 2020. <b>Referred to Transportation &amp; Infrastructure Committee on 5/28/2020 and referred to committee of the whole on 6/4/2020.</b>	<a href="#">Link to HB 554 1</a>
HB5417 /5418/ 5419	Update to the do not resuscitate (DNR) procedure act in Michigan. Modify DNR order for patients with advanced illness, including minors; if a minor is at school and there is a DNR on file the facility would not have to take any actions to resuscitate – even basic CPR	Introduced in Jan 2020 for first reading and referred to Judiciary Committee. Referred for 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading. <b>Referred to committee on families, seniors, and veterans on 5/20/2020</b>	<a href="#">Link to HB 541 7</a>
HR3992	Disability Employment Incentive Act expands tax credits and deductions that are available for employers who hire and retain employees with disabilities.	Introduced into the house in July 2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 399 2</a>
HR873	Transformation to Competitive Employment Act: This bill addresses employment standards for individuals with disabilities. Bill directs the Department of Labor to a grant to states and certain eligible entities to assist them in transforming their business and program models to support individuals with disabilities.	Introduced into the house in January 2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 873</a>
SB0826	Mental health; code; definition of mental health professional; expand to include physician assistants, certified nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists-certified, and allow them to perform certain examinations.	Introduced to the Senate by Senator Vanderwall on 3/10/2020. Referred to committee on Health and Human Services. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to SB 082 6</a>

SB0798	Bill prohibits a guardian from restricting a ward to communicate, visit, or interact with an individual unless certain parameters are met. Also, if a restriction is implemented, the guardian must fulfill specific requirements of notice.	Introduced to the Senate by Senator Macdonald on 2/19/2020. Referred to committee on Judiciary and Public Safety	<a href="#">Link to SB 0798</a>
HR4397	Direct Care Professionals; Bill directs Department of Labor to award grants to recruit retain, or provide advancement opportunities to direct care workers. The term "direct care worker" includes home health aides, psychiatric aides, nursing assistants, and personal care aides who assist seniors and persons with disabilities in their home.	Introduced into the house in September 2019. <b>No Update since last report</b>	<a href="#">Link to HR 4397</a>
SB0945	The bill requires all incoming law enforcement to complete training on implicit bias, violence de-escalation tactics, and mental health screening. Some police departments in the state already require a form of de-escalation, cultural competency, and implicit bias training, but SB 945 requires that this education is part of each officer's initial Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards training and certification.	<b>Bill introduced to the senate by Jeff Irwin and referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety on 5/28/2020. 6/4/2020 referred to committee of the whole and passed roll call in the senate 162 to 38. Referred to committee on Judiciary on 6/9/2020</b>	<a href="#">Link to SB 0945</a>
SB0690	Bill to temporarily increase pay for direct support professionals and essential workers. Bill would increase minimum wage by \$3 per hour through September 30, 2020 at which time the minimum wage would revert back to its previous amount of \$3 less.	<b>Fast tracked through the Senate, currently in the house. Referred to committee of the whole on 5/13/2020 and passed in the Senate 145-37. Referred to committee on Appropriations on 5/19/2020 and referred for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6/3/2020.</b>	<a href="#">Link to SB 0690</a>