COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

October 6, 2026

C – Minutes from the September 22, 2026 meeting

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - 1:30 p.m.

Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call – 1:30 p.m.

Martha G. Scott (C)	– Present
Tim Killeen (VC)	– Present
Hassan M. Ahmad	– Present
Glenn S. Anderson	– Excused
Terry Marecki	– Present
Monique Baker McCormick	– Present
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	– Present

B. Chair's remarks

Chair Scott made remarks regarding adding Seniors and Veterans affairs items to the Health and Human Services Committee.

C. Ahmad/Peterson-Mayberry

Approved. September 8, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Scott, Killeen, Ahmad, Peterson-Mayberry, Marecki, Baker McCormick -- 6

Absent -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

D. Unfinished Business

E. New Business

The Committee moved items E.1-3 together.

1. Killeen/Ahmad

Approved. A one-year agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and The Senior Alliance, Inc. (of Dearborn) not to exceed $3,431,323.63 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 funding allocation to provide congregate, home-delivered, liquid and halal meals to eligible senior citizens in the 34 communities of the Western Wayne County and Downriver areas; the term is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; the revenue will be deposited into Account Nos. 22301 672010 5290000 ($2,414,708.63

HHVS Nutrition Services) and 22301 672010 5550010 ($1,016,615 HHVS Nutrition Services). (2026-14-006) Motion Carried.

Dr. William “Chuck” Jackson provided an overview.

There was discussion regarding the Meals on Wheels program and recent changes to its operations. The program is currently able to provide meals to all seniors who enroll and does not have a waiting list.

The discussion also addressed dietary restrictions and the state’s nutrition requirements. Participants currently receive one meal per day, five days a week, and everyone receives the same meal. There is hope to eventually offer more specific meal options to accommodate individual dietary needs, including halal meals.

Volunteer shortages continue to be a significant challenge. The program is approximately 200 volunteers short, which limits its ability to provide additional meals each day. It was noted that volunteer shortages are a national issue affecting Meals on Wheels programs across the country. Dr. Jackson also explained the role of the Detroit Area Agency on Aging and provided an overview of the services it offers to older adults in the community.

2. Killeen/Ahmad

Approved. A three-year professional services contract with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Country Chicken, LLC (of Dearborn) not to exceed $887,400, to prepare and deliver culturally appropriate halal meals to eligible senior citizens in the City of Dearborn and surrounding areas; the Procurement Division advises that one bid was received in response to 192 direct solicitations and a 39-day posting on BidNetDirect.com; after review, the vendor was chosen as the only responsive and responsible bidder; the term is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029; the cost will be charged to Account No. 22301 672010 7500010 (HHVS Nutrition Services). (2026-14-005) Motion Carried.

Dr. William “Chuck” Jackson provided an overview.

3. Killeen/Ahmad

Approved. A one-year contract with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and TRIO Community Meals, LLC (TRIO) (of

Pearl, MS) not to exceed $4,091,829 to provide hot, frozen, cold, cook-chilled and shelf-stable meals to the 40 senior nutrition sites in 34 communities of the Western Wayne County and Downriver areas; the Procurement Division advises that 2 proposals were received in response to 201 solicitations and a 35-day posting on BidNetDirect.com; after review, the Procurement Division recommends TRIO as the highest-scoring proposer; The term is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; the cost will be charged to Account No. 22301 672010 8170010 (HHVS Nutrition Services). (2026-14-007) Motion Carried.

Dr. William “Chuck” Jackson provided an overview.

Yeas -- Commissioners Scott, Killeen, Ahmad, Peterson-Mayberry, Marecki, Baker McCormick -- 6

Absent -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

4. Peterson-Mayberry/Killeen

Passed for the day. Communication from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, forwarding notice of the 2027 chargeback rates for services for state wards, in accordance with Public Act 150 of 1974. (2026-69-070) Motion Carried.

Commissioners requested additional information to be brought to the Committee at the next meeting.

Yeas -- Commissioners Scott, Killeen, Ahmad, Peterson-Mayberry, Marecki, Baker McCormick -- 6

Absent -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

5. Killeen/Ahmad

Approved. Amendment No. 3 to a one-year agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of $127,972 to receive and disburse additional state grant funds through the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Health Department Comprehensive grant to carry out program activities for numerous local health department program services; the term remains from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; the total amount is increased from $16,385,657 to $16,513,629; the revenue will be deposited into Account Nos. 22101 602040 5290000 ($68,591 HHVS BioterrEmergency Preparedness) and 22101 602050 5290000 ($59,381 HHVS Cities Readiness Initiative). (2026-08-002M3) Motion Carried.

Dr. Avani Sheth provided an overview.

There was discussion regarding measles statistics and the decrease of vaccination rates.

Yeas -- Commissioners Scott, Killeen, Ahmad, Peterson-Mayberry, Marecki, Baker McCormick -- 6

Absent -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

6. Ahmad/Baker McCormick

Approved. Amendment No. 2 to a to a three-year subrecipient contract with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (of Dearborn) not to exceed $723,000, exercising the second option to renew, to continue providing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program services to high-risk, low-income women and children; the term is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; the term of the original contract and previous amendment was from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026; the total amount is increased from $2,775,838.70 to $3,498,838.70; the cost will be charged to Account No. 22101 601040 8170010 (HHVS Women Infants Children). (2022-08-009M2) Motion Carried.

Dr. Avani Sheth provided an overview.

Yeas -- Commissioners Scott, Killeen, Ahmad, Peterson-Mayberry, Marecki, Baker McCormick -- 6

Absent -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

7. Baker McCormick/ Peterson-Mayberry

Approved. The appointment of Geoffrey Q. Devereaux (of Lincoln Park) to the position of Director of the Veterans Services Division for the Health, Human and Veterans Services Department; Mr. Devereaux will be paid an annual salary of $130,000 and all benefits will be provided in accordance with the Executive Benefit Plan for executive branch employees; the term will commence upon Commission approval; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10110 684020 7020010 (HHVS Soldiers Relief). (2026-20-023) Motion Carried.

Tarsha Davis-Bowie introduced Geoffrey Devereaux to the Committee. Mr. Devereaux then provided an

introduction of himself and his work history prior to his new position.

Yeas -- Commissioners Scott, Killeen, Ahmad, Peterson-Mayberry, Marecki, Baker McCormick -- 6

Absent -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee

Chair Scott invited the public to a food drive in Highland Park.

G. Public Comments

H. Adjournment

Peterson-Mayberry/Baker McCormick
Adjournment at 2:32 p.m.

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