

OPIOID ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2018

6:30 p.m.

304 E. Grand River, Conference Room 4, Howell, MI 48843

Members Present:

Gary Childs, Kate Lawrence , Douglas G. Helzerman

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Childs at 6:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by: K. Lawrence

Seconded by: D. Helzerman

Yes (3): G. Childs, K. Lawrence , and D. Helzerman

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Kasey Helton, Marion Township resident & 2018 Commissioner Candidate for District 6. Attending tonight to address the opioid addiction problem in this community. Referenced correspondence sent the Board of Commissioners from six Democratic Commissioner Candidates dated April 8, 2018, regarding participation in litigation against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical corporations. Ms. Helton cited reasons and statistics that support their opinion that the County should participate in this litigation.

Don Parker, City of Howell, District 5 County Commissioner & Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners - received an email previously noted by Ms. Helton asking for a response, this statement will fulfill that request. It has been mentioned twice on public record, at a Board of Commissioners meeting and also at the State of the County Address, this Committee has been given the task to research, assess, and recommend whether or not the County should participate in any related litigation.

4. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Committee Chairman, Gary Childs stated this discussion is to get the ball rolling, no decisions will be made.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that she would like to see the Committee meet with the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Connie Conklin from CMH, Dianne McCormick from the Health Department, Francine Zysk from District Court and learn what each office is doing relating to opioid abuse within the County.

Commissioner Helzerman stated that OLHSA provides services and there are a number of clinics within the County as well. He would like to see what the Clinics are doing, each will likely have a different approach. Also, he spoke with Erica Karfonta, OLSHA Director for Health, Housing, and Nutrition Services, they are not directly involved, but they do see it and refer people to other programs.

The Committee discussed bringing in other County funded entities: Veterans, AAA1-B, Catholic Charities, EMS, Prosecutor

Meetings will be scheduled with each group:

- Law enforcement/public safety (Sheriff, Courts, EMS, Prosecutor)
- Health and Human Service related entities (Veterans, AAA1-B, Catholic Charities, Health Department, Community Mental Health, OLHSA)
- Civil Counsel

Discussed what information the Committee is interested in hearing and possible questions to ask.

Natalie Hunt will assist in scheduling the meetings.

Reviewed the Memo dated: February 20, 2018 from Chairman, Donald Parker, creating this Committee.

Discussed the pending litigation against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies and how it may affect Livingston County.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Childs exited at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Moved by: K. Lawrence

Seconded by: D. Helzerman

Yes (3): G. Childs, K. Lawrence , and D. Helzerman

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

Respectfully submitted by:

Natalie Hunt
Recording Secretary