

**HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**  
Minutes of Meeting, December 3, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Durian, Elma (Pat) Maye, Bill Lenehan, Marc Meulman, Sandra Sheppard, Amy Tuley, Joanne Willson, Logan Wessendorf (Youth Advisory Committee Liaison)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Angela Manahan Ilori, Mike Thomspen,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Vicki Georgeau, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the November 5, 2009 meeting were approved 7-0 with two additions as recommended by Willson and Tuley.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Set public hearing for Community Development Block Grant Program - FY 2010-11 Community Development Needs and Human/Public Service funding: A public hearing was set for Thursday, January 7, 2010 for the FY 2010-11 CDBG Program. Tuley noted the Board will also hold a special meeting on January 21, 2010 to review and rank applications.

Metro Transit ADA Advisory Board update: Lenehan acknowledged reported problems relating to the change in the phone number for Kalamazoo County Connect, and continued concerns associated with the transition to a new service provider. Willson requested that Lenehan report to the Committee a recommendation that marketing materials for the new service phone number be developed and widely distributed, such as a bus-shaped magnet with the new phone number. Tuley recommended that individual Board members consider assisting with the distribution of such promotional material. Tuley inquired regarding the Holiday Trolley in Portage and Willson noted that the service was not going to be provided this year due to low ridership and high costs.

Election of Officers: Lenehan moved and Meulman supported a motion to nominate Tuley as Chair, Willson as Vice-Chair, and Maye as Secretary. Upon voice vote, motion passed 7-0.

**STATEMENT OF CITIZENS:** Willson inquired with Diane Schrock of the Portage Community Center as to what is their greatest client need. Schrock indicated there is a great need for canned goods food and likely a need for toys for the holiday children's party. Schrock noted that over 330 children have been registered for the holiday party, and they have closed the registration for the first time ever this year. Willson noted an increase in students at Amberly Elementary that receive free or reduced cost lunch. Schrock indicated the entire school district has seen over a three percent increase this year in students receiving free lunch. In response to an inquiry from Willson, staff indicated that most of the CDBG-R funds received through the federal stimulus have been expended or encumbered, primarily towards homeowner rehabilitation projects.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m. and was proceeded with the annual holiday potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Georgeau, Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services