

**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
JULY 12, 2023
SMALL COMMUNITY ROOM: CENTRAL FIRE STATION**

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Robinson, Commissioner Langhals, Commissioner Turimella

ABSENT: Chairperson Styka, Commissioner Maingu, Commissioner Webster

STAFF: Human Services Specialist Love

BOARD LIASON: Trustee Wilson

PUBLIC:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - a. Vice-Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. New Business 5D: Add 5D: Thanksgiving/Holiday Food Basket Program.
 - b. Old Business 4C: Operation Gratitude postponed to next meeting.
 - c. The Agenda was approved with the above corrections.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Approval of the minutes

4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic Update
 - i. Grange Acres decided to cancel their Mobile Health Unit times.
 - ii. Working with Cedar Creek to move location there.

 - b. Farmers Market & Protect the Pack
 - i. Discussion took place that Meridian Cares should be present at events targeted towards Human Services, Mental Health.

5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Five Wishes Program
 - i. Meridian Cares has coordinated a presentation that will take place at Grange Acres on August 16th at 4:00 P.M. This presentation will be given by Joanne Eason, President of Five Wishes and documents will be given out for free. Flyers are being circulated around the community.

- b. Donations Received
 - i. On June 20th we received \$2,886.00 from the Presbyterian Church of Okemos to be designated to the long-term care of the victims of the Knob Hill fire.
 - ii. In May 2023, Okemos Community Church donated \$667.00 to be used in the emergency needs fund.

 - c. July 25th Grange Acres Carnival
 - i. Grange Acres is putting on a carnival for their residents Meridian Cares will have a table and a small game, sell redi-ride cards, talk about Five Wishes etc. 10-4 P.M.

 - d. Thanksgiving & Holiday food Program
 - i. Meridian Cares can be the Collection point for those with needs for food. We will then distribute to those who have volunteered to meet those needs. Currently creating forms for families and organizations.
6. HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT: Human Services Specialist Love presented the May & June 2023 financial report.
- a. Introductions to the Community
 - i. Letters were sent to 41 churches and organizations to introduce Human Services Specialist Love.
 - b. Grants
 - i. Discussion was held about looking into and writing grants.
7. BOARD LIASON REPORT
- a. Today, the Governor removed the asset cap to receive food stamps.
 - b. Saturday, August 26th: Pride Day at Marketplace on the green. 4-11 p.m.
 - c. Community/Senior Center Proposal
 - i. 40,000 square foot building being proposed based on the Howell Community Center.
 - ii. Funding moving forward.
8. OPEN FORUM
9. ADJOURNEMENT: Vice-Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M. with no opposition.