



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2021 7 pm

ZOOM MEETING: ID: **867 3903 8953** Password: **5151**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. GREEN THEME PRESENTATION: The Capital Area Sustainability Partnership & Recycling Facility with Lori Welch, Sustainability Manager, City of Lansing
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
5. PUBLIC REMARKS
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Recognition of retiring Commissioners Susan Masten and Jim Kielbaso
 - B. New Commissioner Applications
 - C. Citizen's Climate Commitment
 - D. Other
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Green Infrastructure Grants for Schools
 - B. Tree City Update
 - C. Other
8. CHAIR'S REPORT
9. STAFF REPORT
10. Commission, Committee, Study Group and Trustee Reports (if applicable)
 - A. Transportation Commission
 - B. Planning Commission
 - C. MI Township Association (MTA) or MI Municipal League (MML)
 - D. Land Preservation Advisory Board
 - E. Green Team
 - F. Environmental Justice
 - G. Energy Team
 - H. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
 - I. Board of Trustees
11. PUBLIC REMARKS
12. ADJOURNMENT

Environmental Commission Meeting Summary: 2/3/2021 (draft)

Attending: John Sarver, Jim Kielbaso, Luca Wisinski, Courtney Wisinski, Ned Jackson, Rose Vadnais, Bill McConnell, and Tom Frazier. **Staff:** Phil Deschaine, LeRoy Harvey, Stephen Gebes, Samantha, HOMTV **Guests:** John Esser, Kelly Schalter, Kendra Grasseschi, and others.



Green Theme: Kelly Schalter Michigan Recycling Coalition, presented “using social media for environmental change.” Ms. Schalter shared Other tips (related to the 6 on the left): Make it funny, use video, and use posts with people, pets, and appealing pictures. Make it timely -- google “social media calendar” for ideas. Tell people what to do, not just what not to do. People have an average of 8 seconds and most want a little info. Others want more so provided layers, pics, and links. Keep it local – with local people. Make it easy with hashtags such as “#greenneighbors”? Use available free resources such as “recycling raccoons” and CANVA (for graphics). Be fearless -- try new, weird things. Use analytics to see what’s working. The [Recycle, MI](#) campaign -- with a spreadsheet and graphics was offered as a potential format for the Green Neighbors Network. View Kelly’s presentation at <https://meridianmi.new.swagit.com/videos/112518>

Minutes: Correction: Kielbaso offered a correction that the Arbor Day Foundation sets the standards for Tree City USA.

Live Streaming: McConnell asked where this meeting is being streamed. Gebes answered Facebook and Youtube.

Green Grants for Schools: Harvey shared four letters of interest that we’ve received for project at Haslett and Okemos schools including a rain garden, a nature trail and greenhouse repairs, butterfly-friendly plantings and invasive species removal, and an outdoor classroom. Granger has offered \$1000 and other businesses (such as Delta Dental), Haslett Beautification, school foundations, and others might help. C. Wisinski and Kielbaso offered to join Sarver, Vadnais, and Harvey on the selection committee. Mini-proposals are invited by Mar 15. McConnell mentioned sharing scoring criteria. Deschaine also mentioned that the Board might support an additional tree planting effort in Haslett. Steve Cook, the Superintendent, and the Haslett Beautification Committee might have ideas.

Tree Team: Vadnais reports that there has been progress on a tree ordinance. McConnell mentioned the multiple groups involved with managing trees (parks, planning, public works, etc.)

Chair’s Report: Sarver mentioned participating in the All Commission pow wow last month. He received high praise from the Township Board for the work of the E.C. McConnell mentioned being surprised that the Zoning Board of Appeals has been making decisions on variances in wetland setbacks. He’d like to learn more about this. C. Wisinski expressed an interest in involving the E.C. in more development projects involving wetlands.

Staff Report: Harvey reserved his report for future agenda items. He mention Susan Masten’s recent resignation due to other commitments. A Resolution of Appreciation for Masten is suggested. Masten did offer to stay involved on an ad hoc basis. Harvey suggested that we may wish to clarify a number of ways people can get involved in environmental initiatives as volunteers, advisors, green neighbors, etc.

Environmental Justice: C. Wisinski mentioned a recent opportunity to support improvements at Winslow Mobile Home Park. Vadnais mentioned a recent forum about the connection between the Black Lives Matter and the Env. Justice movement. A key point was encouraging people with privilege to work on larger systemic change.

Sustainable Development: Harvey reports that SEMCOG is willing to speak at our April Green Theme. He also shared some examples of other opportunities for our “Environmental Review of Codes, Policies, Programs, etc.” including the regional climate sustainability initiative, E.L.’s Green Building Ordinance, Ann Arbor’s EV ordinance, a native plant ordinance, etc. which could also be “Green Themes.”

Board of Trustees: C. Wisinski mentioned progress of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force including adopting a non-discrimination and fair employment policy (also know as ban the box that screens those with felonies). DEI also Meridian’s celebration Black History Month. She also mentioned Board support for the 100% renewable goal by 2035 and upcoming wetlands-related discussions. She credited Kendra Grasseschi for her work with McConnell and others on wetlands education.

Energy Team: Sarver mentioned a couple charts that he helped develop a couple charts related to the number of solar installations and the cumulative KWs of renewable energy produced in the Township. He also mentioned the recent MI Solar Story on Zoom @ <https://youtu.be/o60KhE2ijK8> which included the two 2020 Township systems.

Green Team: The Green Team will meet next Thursday to discuss events and Recycling Center improvements.

Land Preservation Advisory Board: Kielbaso shared highlights of a recent report and plan developed on behalf of the LPAB by Emma Campbell. Kielbaso will share the report through email.

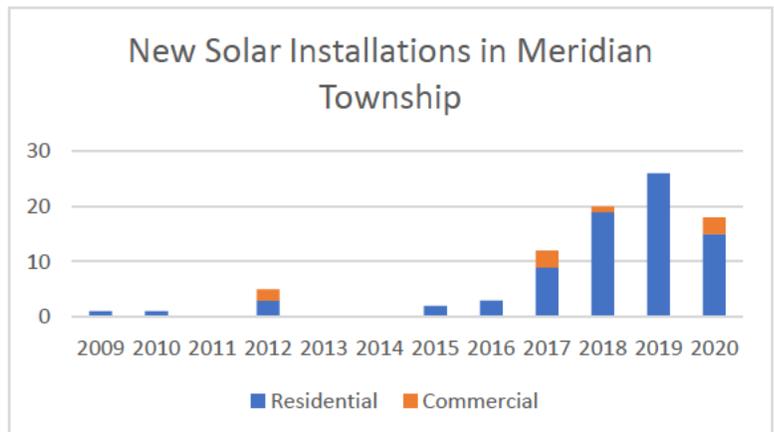
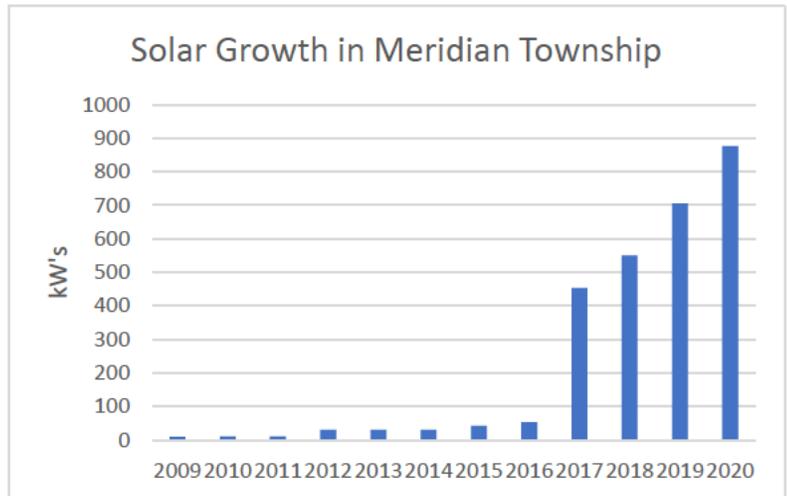
MI Township Association: Frazier mentioned some potential legislation on COVID relief. He mentioned a major holdover from the last session including a rewrite of Part 115 – our solid waste law which is being rewritten to support material management rather than landfilling.

Planning Commission: McConnell mentioned that the Board discussion of the rezoning at Grand River and Marsh which may include “rental by choice” which sparked some thinking about non-traditional housing including “tiny homes.”

Transportation Commission: McConnell reported that the TC recently had an excellent report on the road quality improvements which is progressing rapidly and a discussion of pathways and snow clearing.

Public Comment: Esser suggested that we encourage documenting progress for the various green grants to schools including photos and video.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm. Next Meeting is March 3.



Emterra MRF

1159 S. Pennsylvania



Public/Private Partnership

- Lansing/East Lansing currently combine tonnage
- Lansing and East Lansing have intergovernmental agreement
- Lansing has ten year contract with Emterra
- Regional MRF was always the intention





Information & Updates

- Region benefits from enhanced recycling, consistent education/messaging
- No more hauling across the state
- Conserve resources and save money
- MRF expected to open in March
- State of the art technology featuring specialized glass cleaning equipment and robotic AI sorter for food packaging, including paper cups

Emterra Environmental

- Woman owned
- Willingness to partner and solve waste issues
- Refurbished old industrial site
- Brought new jobs to Lansing

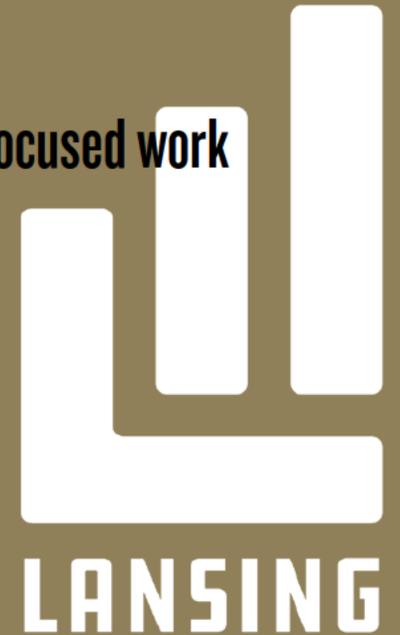
Regional Opportunities

Next Level

- Education Center
- Drop off site
- Enhanced Multi-family and commercial recycling
- Organics

Capital Area Sustainability Partnership (CASP)

- Began as a way for sustainability managers, environmental leaders and others with vested interest to work together toward common goals — that are being identified through surveys, meetings, brainstorming tools, etc.
- Now transitioning to a group facilitated by Tri County Regional Planning
- Representative from over 35 different cities, townships, organizations represented
- Opportunity to establish best practices for region, working on specific priority issues through focused work groups, etc.



THANK

YOU!



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My Citizen’s Climate Commitment

On June 16, 2020 the Meridian Township Board adopted a Climate Emergency Resolution. The resolution stated that on October 8, 2018, the United Nations released a special report that projected that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius this century will require an unprecedented transformation of every sector of the global economy over the next 12 years. It also mentioned that the U.S. Fourth National Climate Assessment detailed the massive threat that climate change poses to the American economy and underscored the need for emergency climate action at all levels of government. The resolution makes it a priority to implement the township operations and community initiatives outlined in the township’s Climate Sustainability Plan.

To address the Climate Emergency we have to reduce our use of fossil fuels. The electric grid is making the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Consumers Energy has a goal to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040. DTE Energy has said it will work to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Since the electric grid will continue to increase its use of renewable energy, many have proposed “electrifying everything” to decrease our use of natural gas and gasoline. Energy efficiency also has a very large role to play in reducing carbon emissions.

We can’t wait until 2030 to start eliminating our use of fossil fuels. Many of the decisions we make today including purchasing vehicles and home appliances and equipment will still be having an impact for 10, 15 or 20 years from now. It makes sense to switch from gas to electric appliances and heating equipment when a replacement is needed, but frequently when equipment fails there is no time to research alternatives. When you’re ready to buy a new vehicle, it makes sense to look at the variety of electric vehicles that are now available. The Citizen’s Climate Commitment asks Meridian Township residents to consider electric alternatives and plan ahead for their future purchases. Citizens are asked to consider replacing the following fossil fuel equipment with electric equipment. Click on the links for additional information.

- Gasoline vehicles to electric vehicles
- Gas stoves to electric ovens with induction stove tops
- Gas hot water heaters to heat pump water heaters or electric on-demand water heaters
- Gas furnaces to air source or geothermal heat pumps
- Gas clothes dryers to electric dryers
- Gasoline yard equipment to electric models

Citizen’s Climate Commitment

Recognizing that climate change is an emergency, I make a Citizen’s Climate Commitment that I will make energy efficiency a personal priority and when I replace my vehicle, furnace, hot water heater, stove, yard equipment, or clothes dryer, or if I build a new home, I will consider electric alternatives to help my community become carbon free by 2030.

Name

I have considered my options and commit to making a future purchase of an electric:

- vehicle
- oven
- hot water heater
- space heating system
- clothes dryer
- lawn mower
- snow blower
- leaf blower
- chain saw
- weed trimmer
- outdoor grill

Gasoline Vehicles to Electric Vehicles

Choosing an electric vehicle over a gasoline vehicle has many advantages. No matter where you plug in across the country, electric vehicles are cheaper to fuel than their gasoline-powered counterparts. Every electricity provider in the 50 largest US cities offers a rate plan that makes filling up on electricity cheaper than gasoline, adding up to a median yearly savings of over \$770.

Electric vehicles can also save you on maintenance costs. Battery EVs have no gasoline engine, they do not need oil changes, spark plugs, or timing belts, and unlike gasoline motors, electric motors required no routine maintenance. These reduced maintenance costs can save an EV owner over \$1,500 over the life of the vehicle, compared to a gasoline-powered vehicle.

An electric engine generates instant torque, which means that electric vehicles zoom off starting lines and provide smooth, responsive acceleration and deceleration. Electric vehicles also have a low center of gravity, which improves handling, responsiveness, and ride comfort and they are quiet.

EVs produce less global warming pollution. The average EV in the US today produces the emissions equivalent of a gasoline car that gets 73 miles per gallon. The emissions performance of EVs is set to only improve as wind and solar power displace coal-fired electricity generation. Many EV owners are also choosing to pair their EV with rooftop solar panels and home energy storage units. When powered exclusively by renewable energy, an EV can operate nearly emissions free.

Additional information

U.S. Department of Energy web site on fuel economy

<https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/evtech.shtml>

Electric Vehicles: Car and Driver Buying Guide

<https://www.caranddriver.com/ev/>

Gas Stoves to Electric Ovens with Induction Stove Tops

Electric stoves are comparable in price to gas stoves, while electric ovens with induction stove tops are more expensive but also more efficient. With induction, the pan is heated directly – rather than the burner first and then the pan. This greatly reduces the risk of burns. It also makes for a faster, more efficient way of cooking. Since induction is based on electromagnetism, pots and pans must be magnetic. If a magnet sticks to it, it's induction-ready.

Although cooking food on any stove produces particulate pollutants, burning gas produces nitrogen dioxide, or NO₂. Brief exposures to air with high concentrations of NO₂ can lead to coughing and wheezing for people with asthma or other respiratory issues, and prolonged exposure to the gas can contribute to the development of those conditions, according to the [EPA](#). Homes with gas stoves can contain 50 to 400 percent higher concentrations of NO₂ than homes

with electric stoves, often resulting in levels of indoor air pollution that would be illegal outdoors, according to a recent [report](#) by the Rocky Mountain Institute.

Additional resources

Good Housekeeping article on pros and cons of induction cooking

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/appliances/electric-range-reviews/a28435170/induction-stove-cooktop-pros-cons/>

Gas Hot Water Heaters to Heat Pump Water Heaters or Electric On-demand Water Heaters

A “heat pump” is a device that moves heat from one place to another. A heat pump water heater (HPWH) moves heat from the surrounding space into the hot water tank. Most heat pumps operate as “hybrid” devices – i.e. they use the heat pump whenever possible, but built-in controls switch to conventional resistance heating when there are large hot water needs. A HPWH is an energy efficient water heating option (Energy Factor ratings of greater than 2.0).

As their name implies, tankless, or on-demand water heaters, don't store water in a tank. Instead they heat water as it passes through the unit, using a heat exchanger to rapidly bring it up to temperature. Heating water only when you need it eliminates the standby energy losses you get with a storage tank. Compared to gas tankless units, electric tankless units tend to be smaller and more limited in terms of flow.

Additional resources

Michigan Saves provides financing for contractors

<https://michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor/>

Consumers Energy has rebates for heat pump water heaters

<https://www.consumersenergy.com/residential/save-money-and-energy/rebates>

EPA has information on heat pump water heaters

https://www.energystar.gov/products/water_heaters/heat_pump_water_heaters

EPA has information on on-demand water heaters

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/heat-and-cool/water-heating/tankless-or-demand-type-water-heaters>

Consumers Reports has an article on tankless water heaters

<https://www.consumerreports.org/water-heaters/tankless-water-heaters-vs-storage-tank-water-heaters/>

Gas Furnaces to Air Source or Geothermal Heat Pumps

Heat pumps, air source or geothermal, can provide both heating and cooling for a home. Heat pumps work by transferring heat rather than burning fossil fuels to create heat. This makes them more efficient. A heat pump system is an all-in-one system that works as an air conditioner in the summer, and works in reverse to heat the home in the winter. To heat the home, it transfers heat from outside to inside while to cool, it transfers heat from inside your home to outside.

Air source heat pumps absorb heat from the outside air to heat your home. They can still extract heat when air temperatures are as low as -15°C. Geothermal heat pumps exchange heat with the earth instead of the outdoor air using loops to get heat from the ground or ground water. Geothermal heat pump systems are more energy efficient operating at between 300 to 600 percent efficiency even in the coldest weather. Air-source heat pumps reach 175 to 300 percent efficiency. The price for an air source heat pump is similar to the price of a high efficiency gas furnace, but a geothermal heat pump is much more expensive.

Additional resources

Michigan Saves provides financing for heat pump systems and has lists of Geothermal contractors and HVAC contractors. <https://michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor/>

Consumers Energy has rebates for air source and geothermal heat pumps
<https://www.consumersenergy.com/residential/save-money-and-energy/rebates>

Federal tax credits for geothermal heat pumps

Residential – <https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/1235/residential-renewable-energy-tax-credit>

Commercial - <https://programs.dsireusa.org/system/program/detail/658/business-energy-investment-tax-credit-itc>

EPA has information on choosing and installing a geothermal heat pump
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/choosing-and-installing-geothermal-heat-pumps>

EPA has information on air source heat pumps
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/heat-and-cool/heat-pump-systems/air-source-heat-pumps>

Gas Clothes Dryers to Electric Dryers

A gas clothes dryer typically costs \$100 more than a comparable electric model, but the gas clothes dryer may be less expensive to operate depending on natural gas and electric prices in the area. ENERGY STAR certified dryers use about 20% less energy than conventional models without sacrificing features or performance. ENERGY STAR models use innovative energy saving technologies, such as moisture sensors that detect when clothes are dry and automatically shut the dryer off.

Additional resources

Bob Vila – “Choosing a New Appliance: Gas vs. Electric Dryers”

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/gas-vs-electric-dryers/>

EPA has information on dryers

https://www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/clothes_dryers

Gasoline Yard Equipment to Electric Models

There are a number of opportunities to switch from gasoline yard equipment to electric models including lawn mowers, snow blowers, leaf blowers, weed trimmers, outdoor grills, and chain saws. Lawn mowers and snow blowers provide significant opportunities to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Gas mowers emit hydrocarbon gases into the air, so you can reduce your carbon footprint by opting for a corded or battery-operated electric mower. Gas-powered mowers make more noise, around 95 decibels, while electric mowers produce between 65 to 75 decibels. Gas mowers require regular maintenance and are pricier. Corded electric mowers are the least expensive because they don't feature a gas engine or batteries. Battery-operated mowers run in between. Electric mowers cost less to operate, \$11 to \$22 per year in electricity, while gas mowers cost \$20 to \$35 per year.

While electric motors are not as powerful as gas engines, an electric snow blower is lighter and is usually more compact than a gas machine. This makes them easier to transport and store. Electric snow blowers aren't as noisy as their gas counterparts and require very little maintenance. You don't need to mix gas and oil or pull on a recoil starter every time you want to use the snow blower. An electric snow blower starts instantly, with the touch of a button. A corded electric snow blower will restrict your movement, but is the cheapest of all your options. You can always opt for a battery-powered snow blower which will cost more.

Additional information:

Bob Vila article "What's the Difference? Gas vs. Electric Lawn Mowers"

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/gas-vs-electric-lawn-mowers/>

Gas vs Electric Snowblowers – Which is the Best Choice for Me?

<https://ownthewinter.com/gas-vs-electric-snowblowers/>

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Public Service Application Form

I am interested in service on one or more of the following public bodies as checked below:

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1.

Environmental Commission

Land Preservation Advisory Board

2. **Occupation:**

Clinical Social Worker

3. **Indicate areas not included above which may warrant special attention or study that are of interest to you:**

Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion

Environmental Protection, Advocacy, and Education

Wetland Protection, Advocacy, and Education

Land Preservation

4. **Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed:**

I am a Clinical Social Worker with 25 years of experience providing counseling, consultation, and advocacy services to a diverse clientele. I am a strong advocate for social justice. My skills and interests can continue to be an asset to the Environmental Commission as a Commissioner.

In my work and in my personal life, I problem solve issues of racism, inequity, inequality, poverty, homophobia, xenophobia, and various disabilities. I have worked with the very poor to those of privilege. I grew up poor, experienced adversity, and use that experience to help others. I have an invisible disability, which better informs my work, especially as issues related to the environment affect my disability. Additionally, I am a licensed foster parent, thus understand how disadvantage and trauma affect our community in unseen ways. My vast experience is a benefit to the community, as I help address goals of diversity, equality and inclusion.

As a Meridian township resident, I have been actively involved with problem solving environmental issues. Particularly wetland advocacy, education, and protection. This work is evident by...

- "Protecting our Wetlands" presentation to the Environmental Commission on 11/4/20
- Integral in making others aware that over 25% of the township is wetlands
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- Being referred to as "Wetland Expert" by Trustee Wisinski at the February 2021 Environmental Commission meeting

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I hope to continue to do that in a more formal way on the Environmental Commission. I can offer the Environmental Commission a unique perspective and thought process. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how I can further serve the Commission and Meridian Township community.

5. Contact Information:

Name: Kendra Thelen Grasseschi

Occupation: Clinical Social Worker

Place of Employment: Kendra Thelen, MSW, LSMW, ACSW **Home Address:** [REDACTED], Okemos, MI 48864

Phone (days): [REDACTED]

Phone (evenings): [REDACTED]

Date: 02/15/21

Email: [REDACTED]

6. Attach Resume

Resume is attached [Kendra Thelen Grasseschi Resume.pdf](#)

7. Attach Cover Letter

Cover Letter is attached [Kendra Thelen Grasseschi cover letter.pdf](#)

February 15, 2021

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EDUCATION:

8/94 – 5/96 **Masters of Social Work**, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Major: **Clinical Social Work**, GPA: 3.7

8/90 – 5/94 **Bachelor of Science**, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Majors: **Psychology** and **Family Studies**
GPA: Psychology 3.5, Family Studies 3.8

EXPERIENCE:

- 10/04-Present **Clinical Social Worker/Psychotherapist**, Kendra Thelen, LMSW, East Lansing, MI. Provide psychotherapy, consultation and advocacy services to a diverse clientele. Diagnose and clinically treat mental health conditions including those struggling with anxiety, depression, trauma, medical issues, disabilities, abuse, and self-esteem issues. Advocate and problem solve issues of social injustice (racism, poverty, inequality, and inequity) along with environmental injustices (living situation, occupational, educational, community) on a Clinical and Macro level. Teamwork with medical providers, school systems, and other professionals to help achieve positive client outcomes.
- 8/03 – 9/04 **Contractual Therapist**, Lyon Counseling Associates, P.C., East Lansing, MI. Provided psychotherapy counseling to children, adolescents, college students, adults, and families.
- 6/00 – 8/03 **Administrator/Academic Advisor**, Counseling Services Department, Lansing Community College. Provided crisis counseling and academic advising to disadvantaged college students in the Women's Resource Center and within Counseling Services. Led educational support groups building self-esteem.
- 11/00 – 7/03 **Contractual Therapist**, Community Care Clinic, C.E.I. Community Mental Health, Lansing, MI. Provided counseling to disadvantaged children, adolescents, adults, and families.
- 6/98 – 6/00 **Wraparound Resource Coordinator**, Ingham Interagency Family Preservation Initiative, C.E.I. Community Mental Health, Lansing, MI. Coordinated and managed community treatment teams of professionals from CMH, juvenile courts, DHS (protective services & foster care). Led teams to wrap helpful services around disadvantaged families for better client outcomes. Managed team budgets. Provided supervision and training of staff.
- 7/96 – 7/99 **Mental Health Therapist**, Family Guidance Services, C.E.I. Community Mental Health, Lansing, MI. Provided intensive crisis counseling and case management services to for actively suicidal children, adolescents, and their families to avoid psychiatric hospitalization. Led and facilitated treatment teams with medical professionals, courts, DHS, & collateral agencies. Provided supervision and training of staff.

- 10/98 & 4/99 **Guest Speaker**, Lansing Community College. Lectured on family preservation services. Lectured on students acquiring empathy, feedback, and limit-setting skills along with avoiding power struggles.
- 8/95 – 5/96 **Mental Health Therapist Intern**, Family Guidance Services, C.E.I Community mental Health, Lansing, MI. Provided crisis counseling and case management services to children, adolescents, college students, adults, couples, and families. Coordinated services with collateral agencies.
- 12/95 – 7/96 **Case Manager**, Crossroads, Gateway Community Services, Lansing, MI. Provided crisis counseling, case management and educational services to homeless youths and their families.
- 8/95 – 12/95 **Direct Care Staff**, Crossroads, Gateway Community Services, Lansing, MI. Utilized feedback, empathy and limit-setting skills with youths in a transitional living program. Instructed clients in acquiring independent living skills and study skills.
- 12/94 – 7/96 **Family Support Worker**, Family Guidance Services, C.E.I. Community Mental Health, Lansing, MI. Provided respite services to families. Modeled and taught social skills to children. Facilitated and managed summer camp for emotionally impaired children.
- 3/95 – 7/96 **Tutor**, Catholic Social Services, Lansing, MI. Provided academic support and taught study and independent living skills to an emotionally impaired foster care adolescent.
- 9/94 – 5/95 **School Social Work Intern**, Waverly Community Schools, Lansing, MI. Provided individual therapy, play therapy, parent education and consultation. Co-facilitated social skill building and therapy groups. Performed classroom observations and assisted with behavioral programming.
- 6/95 – 8/95 **Direct Care Staff**, Green Meadows, Lansing, MI. Provided care to chronically mentally ill older adults. Followed behavior treatment plans and assisted with independent living skills.
- 6/94 - 12/94 **Residential Technician**, C.E.I. Community Mental Health, Lansing, MI. Utilized empathy, feedback and limit-setting skills in providing treatment of chronically mentally ill adults. Assisted residents in acquiring independent and community living skills.
- 5/93 – 5/94 **Volunteer and Fill-in Overnight Supervisor**, Women's Aid Service, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Provided crisis-call counseling, shelter supervision, and individual counseling to victims/survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Michigan Licensed Master Social Worker, Clinical and Macro Practice, Registration, #6801-071327.

National Association of Social Workers, 11/97 – Present.

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2. **Occupation:**

Academic

3. **Indicate areas not included above which may warrant special attention or study that are of interest to you:**

Not answered

4. **Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed:**

Not answered

5. **Contact Information:**

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Occupation: ACADEMIC

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6. **Attach Resume**

Resume is attached [CV_FEB_2021.docx](#)

7. **Attach Cover Letter**

Cover Letter is attached [Cover_MERIDIAN BOARD_2021.docx](#)

Curriculum Vitae*Home address:*

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Lansing MI 48912

Home: [REDACTED]

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

<u>Degree/Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Field</u>
PhD/ 2015	Michigan State University College of Arts and Letters	Philosophy (Bioethics) Advisor: Prof. John McClendon III
MA/2000	Michigan State University School of Journalism	Journalism Advisor: Prof. Jim Detjen
M.Sc./1988	University of Nigeria, Nsukka College of Social Science	International Relations Advisor: Prof. K. Matthews

PROFRSSIONAL EXPERIENCE*Asst. Professor (Adjunct)*

January 2020 – present

Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University

Duty: Teach History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science class.

Adjunct Assistant Professor

December 2018 – present

College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

Duty: Advanced Skills Knowledge (Medical Ethics)

Faculty Researcher

March 2018 – September 17, 2019

Division of Public Health, Flint Campus

College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University

Assist/lead a variety of research projects. For instance, I was a core team member in Research to Reduce Disparity in Disease (R2D2), a developmental project that combines the best of medicine and public health. This program expands the “hands-on” research skills of medical students enrolled in the MSU College of Human Medicine and trains students to conduct community-based translational research on disparities in cardiovascular disease. Also, R2D2 program seeks to address the NIH’s concerns regarding the shortage of physician scientists from groups underrepresented in medicine (URIM).

Lecturer

January 2017 – March 2018

Department of Public Health and Health Sciences

University of Michigan, Flint Campus

Duty: Taught Ethics of Healthcare

Instructor

January 2016 – December 2017
 Department of Philosophy
 Alma College, Alma, Scotland MI
 Duty: Taught Business Ethics.

Research Attaché

May 2015 – March 2018
 The Scientific Virtues Project
 Biomedical Physical Sciences Building
 Michigan State University
 Duties: Conducted hundreds of interviews on award winning researchers (including Nobel Prize winners) across North America in core specialty areas such as biology, physics, and chemistry. Assisted with coding interview responses and storing data for easy retrieval.

Research Assistant

May 1996 — June 2001
 Institute for Environmental Toxicology (now Institute for Integrative Toxicology)
 Michigan State University
 As member of a research team – conducted research, interpreted data, and analyzed findings on topical environmental/health issues. Topics included the effects of radon, PCBs and lead on people and the environment; and common animal diseases such as the mad cow disease. I developed needed expert systems by translating technical and scientific jargons and concepts to user-friendly language.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE*Managing Editor, Michigan Dairy Review*

April 2009 – August 2012
 Department of Animal Science, Michigan State University
 Duties: Assigned/reviewed article topics to authors; edited articles, interviewed scientists and wrote feature articles; composed graphics and laid out articles; coordinated print jobs; and uploaded contents online.

Communications Manager

December 2006 – December 2007
 Communications and Brand Strategy Office
 Duties: Responsible for College of Education and international studies across MSU. Work involved interviewing and writing feature articles; composing news releases; media relations such as linking MSU experts with local and international media; and integrated communications.

Multicultural Systems Manager (CHM Center of Excellence)

January 2001 – December 2006
Duties: Experience in one-on-one, individualized student guidance and advisement in areas related to poor academic performance, developing instructional strategies to assist academic progress, course selection, degree requirements, internalizing university academic policies and procedures, and developing effective learning strategies.
 Mentored individual students and student groups such as the Student National Medical Association and the Latino Mid-West Medical Student Association. Assisted numerous disadvantaged and under-served students – medical, pre-medical, middle, high school – to acquire computer and writing skills through workshops and one-on-one training sessions. Also, I compiled and documented annual reports for the Center of Excellence programs. The programs are the Pre-Professional Preparatory Institute, Pre-health

Admission Program; Health Disparity Research Experience, Summer Young Peoples College; Science in the City; Advanced Baccalaureate Learning Experience; Leaders Achieving Notable Education, LANE; Health Careers Club, and Summer Science Academy.

- o Extensive experience interacting collegially with university faculty and staff from various community partners to facilitate and address CHM student needs.

LEADERSHIP, PRESENTATION, COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

2018 – Present	<i>Reviewer, Canadian Medical Association Journal</i>
2018 – Present	<i>Reviewer, IGI Global: International Publisher of Information Science and Technology Research</i>
2018 – 2019	<i>Member, MSU Provost's Public Health Advisory Committee on "Future of Public Health"</i>
2011 – Present	<i>Member, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services IRB</i>
2012 – 2013	<i>Member, McLaren Health Care IRB</i>
2013 – 2018	<i>Member, McLaren Health Care Ethics Committee</i>
1998 – Present	<i>Member, Greater Lansing Food Bank via community gardening</i>
2002 – 2015	<i>Volunteer, Michigan Energy Options [an environmental and public education not-for-profit organization in East Lansing, MI,</i>
2004 – 2006	<i>Volunteer, Pioneer designer of MSU Black Faculty, Staff, & Administrators Association web site</i>
2016 (spring)	<i>Presenter, Michigan State University, American Medical Students Association</i>
2002 – 2016	<i>Volunteer, Veteran Affairs Hospital, Ann Arbor MI.</i>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, African Research Integrity Network
- Member, Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research
- Member, American Philosophical Association
- Member, African Studies Association

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Book

Iyioke, V. I. (2018). *Clinical trials and the African person: A quest to re-conceptualize responsibility*, Brill Publishers

Book Chapters

- Iyioke, V. I. (2019). Agbiotech, sustainability, and food security connection to public health. In P. Papadopoulou, et al., (Eds.), *Environmental Exposures and Human Health Challenges* (pp. 249-269). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers
- Iyioke, V. I. (2019). We are not part of nature, we are nature: An African view on *One Health*. In S. Yasobant, et al., (Eds.), *Global Applications of One Health Practice and Care* (pp. 33-58). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers, ISBN13: 9781522563044
- Iyioke, V. I. (2019) Personhood, cultural ethics, and biomedical research: African vs Euro-American perspectives. In A. Sandu (Eds.), *Ethics in Research Practice and Innovation* (pp. 192-208). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers, ISBN13: 9781522563105
- Iyioke, V. I. (2019). Bioethics via Africology. In S. Hameed, et al. (Eds.), *Indigenous Knowledge and Bi-Culturalism in a Global Context* (pp. 21-37). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers, ISBN13: 9781522560616
- Iyioke, V. I. (2018). Reconfiguring responsibility in international clinical trials: A multicultural approach. In S. Topor (Ed.), *Ethical Standards and Practice in International Relations* (pp. 187-211). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers, ISBN13: 9781522526506
- Iyioke, C. I., Iyioke, V. I., Ezemma, J. C. (2018). Integration of work-based learning into higher education

for economic development in Nigeria. In *Global Perspectives on Work-based Learning Initiatives* (pp. 162-190). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers, ISBN13: 9781522569770. doi: 10.4018/978-1-5225-6977-0.

Iyioke, V. I. (2018) Is it farcical defending corporate social responsibility? In M. Dueñas, et al., (Eds.), *Corporate Social Responsibility for Valorization of Cultural Organizations* (pp. 1-23). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishers, ISBN13: 9781522535515

Iyioke, V. I. (2018). African philosophical bases for 'proactive dialogue' in global clinical research. In S. Topor (Ed.), *Ethical Standards and Practice in International Relations*; Second Edition (forthcoming, 2019)

Peer-reviewed Journals

Chukwunke, F. N., Ezenwugo, A. C., Umeorah, O. U. J., and Iyioke, I. V. (2020). Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination in Africa: The philosophy of objectivism on individual rights vs public rights in a culture bound society, Nigeria, *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics. EJAIB*, Vol. 30.

Iyioke, V. I. (2017). Zika virus and transgenic mosquitoes: Potentials of a public health tool. *Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 6, 1 (online)

Iyioke, V. I. (2017). From Nuremburg to Kano, Eurocentrism to Afrocentrism *International Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 3, 2(1-10).

Iyioke, V. I. Urban food security and public health: Focus on Flint Michigan (under review in *Canadian Medical Association Journal*).

Complete List of Published Work in MyBibliography

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/collections/mybibliography/>

CONFERENCE/WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS

1. September 9, 2020 "The emergence of an African bioethics" [WEBINAR]
University of Kwazulu-Natal & International Association of Bioethics
<https://law.ukzn.ac.za/colloquium-series-on-african-philosophy-genetics-and-genomics/>
<https://law.ukzn.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/BIOETHICS-VIA-AFRICOLOGY.pdf>
2. March 2019 "Ethics of conducting research in crisis settings: How does Flint measure up?" HFRC Conference, Flint, MI (Poster session)
3. March 2019 "Ethics of conducting research in crisis settings: The Flint case"
Ethics and Humanitarian Research: Generating Evidence Ethically -- PREA Conference (Oral presentation)
4. January 2019 "Author meets critics" session for the book: *Clinical trials and the African person*; APA Eastern Division Meeting, NY
5. November 2018 "Bringing Justice to the Food System of the Future: Ethics and the Role of Religious Communities" – A Panel Discussion, Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto Canada
6. March 2011 "From Nuremburg to Kano, Eurocentricism to Afrocentricism." Paper presented at the *American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH)*, Race and Culture/Ethnicity (R.A.C.E.) Affinity Group meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
7. April 2011 "From Nuremburg to Kano, Eurocentricism to Afrocentricism." Paper presented at the *Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference* at Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI.
8. July 1996 "Challenges of Nigeria's Shrinking Pastures: Unraveling the Root Causes of Conflicts between Herders and Farmers." Paper presented at the *Social Science Research Council Conference*, San Diego, California.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS, RESEARCH INVITATIONS

- University of Cape Town **Research Development Programme** (emerging bioethics research to foster critical scholarship around some of the important questions around emerging technologies – AI, genomics research, etc.). Contact: Prof. Jantina De Vries, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- University of South Africa invitation to a **Round Table Discussion** on “transforming our research ethics policy and practices to be more Afrocentric. I am to present on **BEC** and its practical implications for researchers in Africa. Date: February 2021. Contact: Dr Retha Visagie, Manager: Research Integrity, Directorate: Research Support, University of South Africa
- Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program **Fall 2020** competition
The Philosophy Department at the University of Cape Town – 1-month research visit (summer 2021).
- 2014-15, MSU, Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 1997, Rennie Taylor/Alton Blakeslee Fellowship for science writing (among four recipients out of 100s of applicants in the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing graduate fellowship; and the first at MSU's School of Journalism).
- 1997, Spring Semester Scholarship Award, Michigan State University School of Journalism.
- 1996, MacArthur Foundation-Social Science Research Council fellowship.
- 1994, Commonwealth of Countries Media Award for environmental reporting, Finalist.

LANGUAGES

English (Excellent) Igbo (Excellent) Hausa (Fair).

**CURRICULUM VITAE
IKE VALENTINE IYIOKE
PART II**

TEACHING/ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Jan 2020 – Present	Asst Prof: Lyman Briggs College (MSU), enrollment 22
Jan 2019 – Aug 2019	Adj. Prof.: Advanced Skills Knowledge in Informed Consent, CHM-MSU Flint (3 rd Year students), enrollment 17
Jan 2019 – May, 2019	Instructor: Introduction to Public Health (MSU), enrollment 32
Aug 2018 – Dec 2018	Adj. Prof.: Advanced Skills Knowledge in Informed Consent, CHM-MSU Flint (3 rd Year students), enrollment 13
December 2018	Adj. Prof.: Seminar/Workshop in Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved Program, CHM-MSU Flint (4 th Year students), enrollment 12
Jan 2017 – May 2018	Instructor: Ethics of Healthcare (UM-Flint), enrollment 23
Aug 2017 – Dec 2017	Instructor: Ethics of Healthcare (UM-Flint), enrollment 20
Jan 2017 – Dec 2017	Instructor: Business Ethics, Alma College, MI, enrollment 30

Jan 2016 – May 2016	Instructor: Ethical Issues in Healthcare (MSU), enrollment 35
May 2015 – Jul 2015	Instructor: Ethical Issues in Healthcare (MSU), enrollment 12
Aug 2015 – Dec 2015	Instructor: Ethical Issues in Healthcare (MSU) enrollment 36
Jun 2013 – July 2013	Instructor: Reverse-Study Abroad for Chinese Students/Scholars: Values and Perspectives in American Society (MSU), enrollment 40
Jan 1998 – May 1998	Instructor: Topics in Specialized Reporting & Writing, School of Journalism (MSU), enrollment 44
Jan 1999 – May 1999	Instructor: Environmental Reporting, School of Journalism (MSU), enrollment 52
Aug 2012 – Dec 2012	Instructor: Ethical Issues in Global Public Health (MSU), enrollment 34
Aug 2012 – Dec 2012	Instructor: Environmental Health Issues (MSU), enrollment 40
Jan 2012 – May 2012	Instructor: African Philosophy (MSU), enrollment 22
Aug 2013 – Dec 2013	Instructor: Integrative Arts and Humanities: Global Climate Change (MSU), enrollment 123
Jan 2014 – May 2014	Instructor: Integrative Arts and Humanities: Self, Society, and Technology (MSU), enrollment 98
Aug 2014 – Dec 2014	Instructor: Integrative Arts and Humanities: Self, Society, and Technology, (MSU), enrollment 102

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Brief Research Statement: My interests border on wide ranging topics including issues about research subject/participant selection; biomedical research partnerships between Africa & the West; environmental science and public policy; environmental justice/racism; eugenics; science of life extension; and morality in primitive cultures. Specifically:

- A. My 2018 book, ***Clinical trials and the African person***, is an adaptation of my doctoral dissertation which strives to complement scholarly literature dealing with cross-cultural biomedical ethics and emphasizes the African perspective. In it, I aimed to re-conceptualize responsibility in international clinical trials with the insight of the African notion of “self.”
- B. With a multidisciplinary perspective, I explore *more broadly*, a range of questions pertaining to moral philosophy, health ethics/bioethics, with attention to their practical implications. I explore areas of environmental health and environmental ethics, public policy and the role these play in moral thinking. My research and teaching interests include issues about research ethics; subject/participant selection; human experimentation; consumer right to know; morality in primitive cultures; environmental ethics; environmental health; and environmental justice/racism.
- C. I participated in the research project, *Overview of a three-year Man Up Man Down Dental Fare (2016-2018): Process and Outcomes*. It led to a product that provides a process and outcome

analysis of the Man Up Man Down (MUMD) dental fair conducted each of the following years – 2016, 2017, and 2018.

- D. As part of a study team, I have researched *The Men Are Now United Program ("MANUP"): A Diabetes Self-Management Program for Black Men*. This empirical study describes the findings of the MANUP focus groups, conducted at MSU Flint with 17 participants across three 5 – 6-person groups. The research has gathered feedback on participants' lived experience with diabetes and diabetes management, their preferences for diabetes-related education and information, the role of doctors and social support, and their initial ideas for messages for a text-message based diabetes self-management intervention.
- E. I have studied the *Food Choices and Public Health: Cultural & Environmental Factors Affecting the Eating Habits of Low-income African American Adolescent Males in Flint*. It is a project within my larger vision of Raising Opportunities through Choices (ROTC). I aimed to scale it up to a large project and attract a high-profile funding which will enable me to phase it over three years. In striving to shape the food choices, and moderate cultural and environmental factors affecting the eating habits of low-income African American adolescent males in Flint, this project aims to bridge the health disparities between genders, and racial and ethnic groups irrespective of socioeconomic status and geographic location. This is in keeping with public health goal to prevent avoidable disease, disability, and death; in other words, it is a way of doing "upstream" medicine, to minimize "downstream" patient care for all.
- F. I was a core faculty on the *Research to Reduce Disparities in Disease (R2D2)* Project. The purpose of this project is to create a two-summer, developmental research program that combines the best of medicine and public health. This program expands the "hands-on" research skills of medical students enrolled in the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM) and will train students to conduct community-based translational research on disparities in cardiovascular disease, CVD. Also, R2D2 program seeks to address the NIH's concerns regarding the shortage of physician scientists from groups underrepresented in medicine (URiM).
- G. I am Co-investigator (PI, Michael O'Rourke) in a travel grant awarded by the MSU Alliance for African Partnership titled, "*Developing an IRB at University of Nigeria: A Culturally Relevant Model*." This exploratory grant lays the foundation for an NIH-R25 that we are re-submitting and titled, "*Growing Research Ethics Environments in Nigeria*" (GREEN). This initiative breaks new ground by formulating research ethics principles that authentically reflect Nigerian and African values. GREEN will be developed and sustained by blending gold standard research ethics principles with community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles and the NIH Roadmap, resulting in bio-eco-communalism, BEC (an African philosophical construct that describes the immersion of the individual within his/her community and surrounding environment). GREEN leverages the collective strengths of MSU and UNN faculty who are national and international experts in bioethics, medicine, public health, law, science, and education. Notably, GREEN will collaborate with MSU to run series of RCR workshops, seminars, and short courses.

Key words: Bioethics, Community-engaged Research, Multicultural Research, African Philosophy, Health Equity Research, Health Disparities, Responsible Conduct of Research, CBPR, Environmental Ethics/Policy, Mentoring.

REFERENCES

- Dr. John H. McClendon III
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Public Service Application Form

I am interested in service on one or more of the following public bodies as checked below:

*Special conditions restrict eligibility for appointment

1.

Communications Commission*

Community Resources Commission

Environmental Commission

Land Preservation Advisory Board

Park Commission (Elected/Appointed)

Planning Commission

Township Board (Elected/Appointed)

Transportation Commission*

2. **Occupation:**

Senior research associate

3. **Indicate areas not included above which may warrant special attention or study that are of interest to you:**

In addition to areas indicated above, I am particularly interested in food systems and food security. In the face of COVID-19, the importance of a resilient local food system and the frailties of our current national food system have become even more apparent as supply chains have been disrupted, food insecurity has skyrocketed, and outbreaks have occurred in processing facilities. Identifying the local food system's strengths and weaknesses and strategies for creating a more resilient food system in the face of disaster/crises may warrant special attention or a study.

4. **Describe education, experience or training which will assist you if appointed:**

I have a decade of experience in public policy development and analysis. I have experience in food systems, healthy communities, immigration, educator workforce development, and criminal justice.

My key skills and areas of expertise include policy development, communications, research and evaluation, community engagement, and facilitation.

I am personally an avid cyclist, hiker, walker, and public transportation user. I am therefore interested in commissions relevant to protecting outdoor space and creating walkable communities.

I have a Master of Public Policy and a Master of Geographic Information Science and Technology from the University of Southern California. I have a Bachelor of Art in graphic design. I have a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and have received training on implicit bias.

5. Contact Information:

Name: Anna Fischer Colby **Occupation:** Senior research associate

Place of Employment: Public Policy Associates **Home Address:** [REDACTED]

Phone (days): [REDACTED] **Phone (evenings):** Not answered

Date: 2/24/2021 **Email:** [REDACTED]

6. Attach Resume

Resume is attached [Colby_resume_12_2020_v2.pdf](#)

7. Attach Cover Letter

Cover Letter is attached [Colby_Cover_TownshipCommission.pdf](#)



Dear Ron Styka,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on a Meridian Township commission. I have a decade of experience in public policy development and analysis. I have experience in food systems, healthy communities, immigration, education, workforce development, and criminal justice.

My key skills and areas of expertise include:

- **Policy Development and communications.** I was a key member of a small team that developed the state policy and led the campaign that increased access to nutritious food for over 650,000 children.
- **Research and evaluation.** I help my clients define success and measure their performance. I have authored reports, policy briefs, and peer-reviewed journal articles.
- **Engagement and facilitation.** I have convened focus groups, facilitated community listening sessions, and led working group meetings.

I am personally an avid cyclist, hiker, walker, and public transportation user. I am therefore interested in the transportation commission and others relevant to improving outdoor space and walkable communities.

I have a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Improving equity and access to social services has been a unifying theme in my professional pursuits. I strive to identify and interrupt bias and use an equity lens in my work and life.

I look forward to an opportunity to contribute my skills and expertise to a township commission. I hope to hear from you soon!

Kind regards,

Anna Colby, M.S., M.P.P.

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ANNA FISCHER COLBY

OVERVIEW

I am a policy professional with a decade of experience working with nonprofit organizations to research, develop, pass, and implement policies. I have expertise in food systems and anti-hunger policy.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

MASTER OF SCIENCE, GIS & Technology | 2014

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY | 2012

Maryville University of Saint Louis

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS | 2008

RECENT PUBLICATION

“Promoting Effective Communication with Limited English Proficient Families,” *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety*, 2019.

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Co-founder, Price Women and Allies graduate student group | 2011

Editor, USC Price student-run academic journal | 2011

Site Manager, youth summer program, Rising Sun Energy | 2010

Site Director, school-aged child-care, YMCA of Greater St. Louis | 2010

English Teacher, UN Development Programme, Chile | 2009

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EXPERIENCE

Public Policy Associates

SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE | Mar 2018 - present

- Led Food Is Medicine project to conduct Medicaid policy analysis and develop recommendations to enhance collaboration between food banks and the health care sector
- Managed project to conduct needs assessment, develop racial equity plan, and provide equity training for a state criminal justice system
- Developed implementation plan for a food club/pantry based on input from community members and organizations

California Food Policy Advocates

NUTRITION POLICY ADVOCATE | Apr 2015 – Jan 2018

- Key member of team that developed the policy and led the campaign to pass CA SB-138 that increased food access for 650,000 children
- Developed best practices that were adopted by federally assisted meal program providers for reaching low-income immigrant families
- Led research and published report that resulted in increased media attention about summer hunger

Tomás Rivera Policy Institute

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | Jul 2014 – Mar 2015

- Conducted GIS analysis and developed maps used by the California DMV to implement CA AB-60, *Drivers Licenses for All*.
- Delivered research and report used for criminal justice advocacy

PROJECT COORDINATOR | May 2012 – Jun 2014

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | May 2011 – May 2012

KEY SKILLS

- Program Evaluation
- Data Analysis
- Qualitative Methods
- Policy Research & Analysis
- Policy Advocacy
- Communications