

# Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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*Jim Storey, Chairperson*  
*Dean Kapenga, Vice Chairperson*

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## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – AGENDA**

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 1PM

County Services Building – Board Room

Virtual Connectivity Options **Attached**

### **DISTRICT 1**

Dean Kapenga  
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dkapenga@  
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1PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** Commissioner Tom Jessup

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Attached

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 26, 2022

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION:**

48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court—Court Administrator Jennifer Brink

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

### **DISTRICT 2**

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### **DISTRICT 4**

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### **DISTRICT 7**

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## **CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (6/3/22 & 6/10/22)
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## **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Legislative Advocacy Services—Prioritization of Strategic Focus Areas
  2. National Community Survey—release
  3. Broadband Legislation Recommendation
  4. 2022 Millage Levy—set County Millage Rates (213-885)
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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Facilities Management—Facility Master Planning Services (213-820)
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## **NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:**

### **ELECTIONS:**

#### **Mission Statement**

“The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper”

1. Commission on Aging
  - a) One Member At-Large Representative—term expired 12/31/22
2. Economic Development Commission
  - a) One Arts & Culture Representative—term expired 12/31/21
  - b) One Mfg./Industry Representative—term expired 12/31/21
  - c) One Real Estate/Development Representative—term expired 12/31/22
  - d) One Recreation/Tourism Representative—term expires 12/31/22

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
  - a) One Representative—term expires 12/31/19 [Application REC 3/24](#)
2. Parks Advisory Board
  - a) One Representative—term expires 12/31/22
3. Solid Waste Planning Committee
  - a) One Solid Waste Industry Representative—term expired 12/31/20
  - b) One Township Representative—term expired 12/31/19
  - c) One Industrial Waste Generator Representative—term expired 12/31/20
  - d) One Solid Waste Representative—term expired 12/31/19

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Opening Prayer: Commissioner Gale Dugan
- Informational Session: Probate Court
- Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (6/17/22 & 6/24/22)
- Human Resources—award Vending Machine Contract
- Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM)—approve Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) FY2023

**REQUEST FOR PER DIEM/MILEAGE:**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:**

**ROUND TABLE:**

**CLOSED SESSION:** None scheduled

**ADJOURNMENT:** Next Meeting – Thursday, June 23, 2022, 1:00PM @ **BOARD ROOM – COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX.**



# Allegan County Board of Commissioners

# STEP 1: Connect to the Meeting

- OPTION 1: Zoom over Telephone

- Call (929) 205-6099 -or- (312) 626-6799 -or- (253) 215-8782
- Type in Meeting ID: 891 6032 7098, then #, then # again
- Type in Meeting Password: 60922, then #

- To raise your hand to speak, press \*9
- To Mute and Unmute, press \*6

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- OPTION 2: Youtube

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- Click on image of “Live” video

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- OPTION 3: Zoom over Web browser

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Registration details:

- Topic: BOC Meeting - 4/9/2020
- Time: Apr 9, 2020 01:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Registration form fields (all marked as required with an asterisk):

- First Name \*
- Last Name \*
- Email Address \*
- Confirm Email Address \*

Below the form is a reCAPTCHA challenge with the text "I'm not a robot" and a "reCAPTCHA Privacy - Terms" link. A blue arrow labeled "3. Answer challenge question" points to the reCAPTCHA images.

At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Join Webinar in Progress". A blue arrow labeled "4. Click when done." points to this button.

At the bottom of the page is a footer with navigation links:

- About: Zoom Blog, Customers, Our Team, Why Zoom, Features, Careers, Integrations, Partners, Investors
- Download: Meetings Client, Zoom Rooms Client, Browser Extension, Outlook Plug-in, Lync Plug-in, iPhone/iPad App, Android App
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1. Enter name and email

2. Click this box

4. Click when done.

3. Answer challenge question

STEP 3: This Window will appear when connected.



# STEP 4: Adjust audio settings (if needed)

The image shows a Zoom meeting interface with the 'Settings' window open to the 'Audio' tab. A vertical black bar on the left side of the meeting window has a blue arrow labeled '1' pointing to it. A blue arrow labeled '2' points from the 'Audio' tab in the settings window to the meeting content area. The meeting content area displays the name 'Economic Development - Greg King, Director' and 'ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:'. Below this, it says 'CONSENT ITEMS:' followed by a list item: '1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (3/20/20 & 3/27/20)'. The 'Settings' window shows the 'Speaker' section with 'Test Speaker' selected and 'Remote Audio' in a dropdown menu. The 'Volume' slider is set to approximately 80%. The 'Microphone' section has 'Test Mic' selected. The 'Volume' slider is also set to approximately 80%. There are several checkboxes at the bottom of the settings window, including 'Automatically adjust volume' (checked), 'Use separate audio device to play ringtone simultaneously' (unchecked), 'Automatically join audio by computer when joining a meeting' (unchecked), 'Mute my microphone when joining a meeting' (unchecked), 'Press and hold SPACE key to temporarily unmute yourself' (checked), and 'Sync buttons on headset' (checked). An 'Advanced' button is visible at the bottom right of the settings window. At the bottom of the meeting window, there is a toolbar with icons for 'Chat', 'Raise Hand', and 'Q&A'.

Settings

General

Video

**Audio**

Share Screen

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Accessibility

Speaker

Test Speaker Remote Audio

Output Level:

Volume:

Microphone

Test Mic

Input Level:

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Advanced

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Economic Development — Greg King, Director  
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (3/20/20 & 3/27/20)

Audio Settings

Chat Raise Hand Q&A

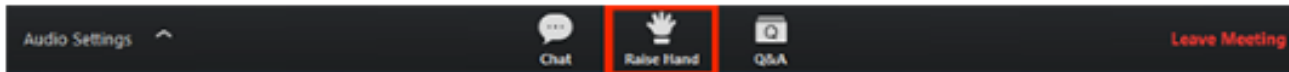


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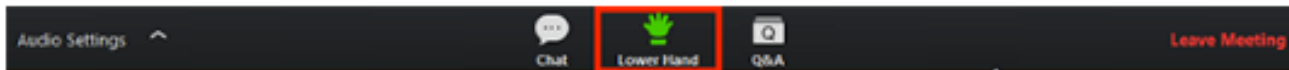
- Once “Raise Hand” is clicked, the Board Chairperson will receive notice and may UNMUTE your microphone when ready and verbally recognize you to speak.

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1. Click **Raise Hand** in the Webinar Controls.



2. The host will be notified that you've raised your hand.
3. Click **Lower Hand** to lower it if needed.





# STEP 6: To leave the meeting

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, a green banner reads "You are viewing Allegan County Administration's screen" with a "View Options" dropdown. In the top right corner, there is an "Enter Full Screen" button. The main content is a document viewer displaying a Microsoft Word document titled "BOC20200409\_agenda [Compatibility Mode] - Word". The document header includes the "Allegan County Board of Commissioners" logo and contact information for County Services Building, including address, phone, fax, and website. Below the header, the document title is "BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – AGENDA". The agenda items are listed by district: DISTRICT 1 (Dean Kasperge), DISTRICT 2 (Jim Storey), DISTRICT 3 (Max R. Thiele), and DISTRICT 4 (Mark DeYoung). The central part of the agenda lists the meeting order: 1PM CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, OPENING PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, COMMUNICATIONS: Attached, APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Attached, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, INFORMATIONAL SESSION: Attached, and ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS. At the bottom of the document viewer, it shows "PAGE 1 OF 2" and "251 WORDS". Below the document viewer is a Zoom meeting control bar with icons for "Audio Settings", "Chat", "Raise Hand", and "Q&A". A red "Leave Meeting" button is located in the bottom right corner of the control bar, with a large blue arrow pointing to it.

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: *Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan,  
Doug Durussel, Dan Grunshaw*

Commissioners Absent: *none*

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner *Durussel*, seconded by Commissioner *Vaughan*,

## RESOLUTION 2022-12

### *RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732*

**WHEREAS**, Zillow, a for-profit corporation from Seattle, WA, has been lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation that undermines the integrity of Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices across the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation that Zillow is lobbying for would require Register of Deeds and Treasurer Office across the State of Michigan to provide for-profit corporations copies of any official records maintained by those offices at a significant discount or in some instances free of any charge. As a result, the taxpayers will be responsible for picking up the tab for providing these records and the financial burden created by the loss of revenue for these offices; and

**WHEREAS**, if these Bills become law, Zillow and other for-profit corporations will have the ability to demand the manner in which the Register of Deeds and Treasurer must provide copies of official records; and

**WHEREAS**, if these Bills become law, they would impose new restrictions and limits on what Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices can charge for parcel cards, and would burden Michigan taxpayers with the cost to provide records to out-of-state entities and corporate organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Zillow and other corporations will capitalize on selling publicly owned records, provided to them free of charge, while at the same time placing Michigan residents at a higher risk for fraud and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League are united in opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Tuscola County Board of Commissioners OPPOSE Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732, as private corporations should not benefit financially from public records at the expense of Michigan taxpayers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, Senator Kevin Daley, Representative Phil Green, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League.

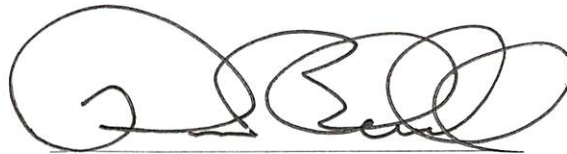
Ayes: *Young, Vaughan, Durkiewicz, Bardwell*

Nays: *Mumshaw*

Absent: *none*

Resolution declared approved dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Date *May 26, 2022*



*Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners*

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on May 26, 2022.

Date *May 26, 2022*

*Jodi Fetting*  
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*Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk*

# CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

R-120-22

## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732

**WHEREAS**, Zillow, a for-profit corporation from Seattle, WA, has been lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation that undermines the integrity of Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices across the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation that Zillow is lobbying for would require Register of Deeds and Treasurer Office across the State of Michigan to provide for-profit corporations copies of any official records maintained by those offices at a significant discount or in some instances free of any charge. As a result, the taxpayers will be responsible for picking up the tab for providing these records and the financial burden created by the loss of revenue for these offices; and

**WHEREAS**, if these Bills become law, Zillow and other for-profit corporations will have the ability to demand the manner in which the Register of Deeds and Treasurer must provide copies of official records; and

**WHEREAS**, if these Bills become law, they would impose new restrictions and limits on what Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices can charge for parcel cards, and would burden Michigan taxpayers with the cost to provide records to out-of-state entities and corporate organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Zillow and other corporations will capitalize on selling publicly owned records, provided to them free of charge, while at the same time placing Michigan residents at a higher risk for fraud and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League are united in opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners OPPOSE Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732, as private corporations should not benefit financially from public records at the expense of Michigan taxpayers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, Senator Kim LaSata, Representative Steve Carra, Representative Brad Paquette, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, the Michigan Association of County Clerks, the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League.

**ADOPTED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022**

**ATTEST:**

  
Monica McMichael, Clerk/Register

COUNTY OF CASS

  
Dwight Dyes, Chair  
CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



## **RESOLUTION – 2022-09**

### ***RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732***

**WHEREAS**, Zillow, a for-profit corporation from Seattle, WA, has been lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation that undermines the integrity of Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices across the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation that Zillow is lobbying for would require Register of Deeds and Treasurer Office across the State of Michigan to provide for-profit corporations copies of any official records maintained by those offices at a significant discount or in some instances free of any charge. As a result, the taxpayers will be responsible for picking up the tab for providing these records and the financial burden created by the loss of revenue for these offices; and

**WHEREAS**, if these Bills become law, Zillow and other for-profit corporations will have the ability to demand the manner in which the Register of Deeds and Treasurer must provide copies of official records; and

**WHEREAS**, if these Bills become law, they would impose new restrictions and limits on what Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices can charge for parcel cards, and would burden Michigan taxpayers with the cost to provide records to out-of-state entities and corporate organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Zillow and other corporations will capitalize on selling publicly owned records, provided to them free of charge, while at the same time placing Michigan residents at a higher risk for fraud and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League are united in opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Menominee County Board of Commissioners OPPOSE Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, & 4732, as private corporations should not benefit financially from public records at the expense of Michigan taxpayers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Beau LaFave, Representative Julie Calley, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League.

Moved by Commissioner Gromala, seconded by Commissioner Cech to immediately adopt the resolution as presented.

Roll call vote:        AYES: 8                      NAYS: 0


**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Larry Phelps, Chairman of the Board

5/24/2022  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

STATE OF MICHIGAN                    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MENOMINEE            )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of **Resolution 2022-09** adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on **May 24, 2022**, and I further certify that the public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
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Marc Kleiman, Menominee County Clerk



## ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MORNING SESSION

**MAY 26, 2022 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on May 26, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 12, 2022, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	DEAN KAPENGA -Absent	DIST #5	TOM JESSUP
DIST #2	JIM STOREY	DIST #6	GALE DUGAN
DIST #3	MAX THIELE	DIST #7	RICK CAIN
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG		

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS**

2/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

**AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**

3/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**PUBLIC HEALTH QUARTERLY REPORT**

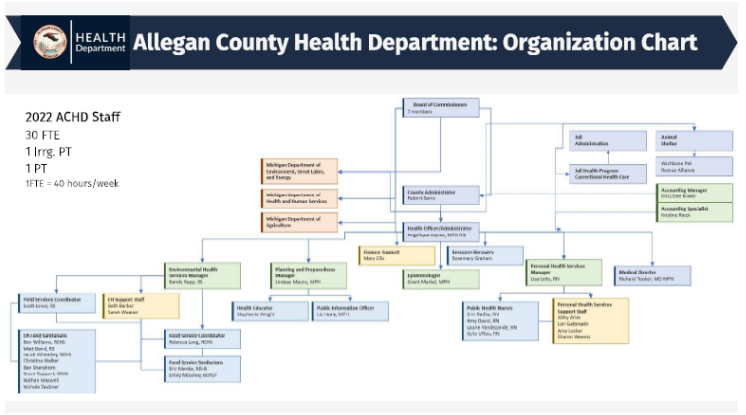
4/ Public Health Officer Angelique Joynes presented her 2021 Annual Report to the board.

# HEALTH Department

## QUARTERLY UPDATE

- Angeliqe Joynes, Health Officer, MPH, RN
- Randy Rapp, Environmental Health Services Manager, RS
- Lisa Letts, Personal Health Services Manager, BSN, RN
- Lindsay Maunz, Planning and Preparedness Manager, MPH
- Rosemary Graham, Resource Recovery Coordinator

Quarter 2 Presentation  
May 26, 2022



## Today's Takeaways:

1. Discuss 2022 County Health Rankings and Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) sponsored Annual Meeting with elected representatives
2. Update on ACHD Division's Priority Activities and Emerging Concerns for 2022
3. Release of 2021 Annual Report
4. Answer questions and elicit feedback from the Board of Commissioners

## Finance: 2023 Budget Narrative

**Changes in the 2023 Budget:**

- Seeking a Personal Health Coordinator position similar to what EH has for field and food
  - When evaluating resources needed for reportable communicable disease investigations, we currently have CDCF staff who fill this gap and will be a part of the Communicable Disease team, until July 2023
- Anticipate more communicable disease staff for 2024, unless COVID-19 becomes endemic and/or is no longer a reportable communicable disease
- More team members traveling and attending trainings as we move out of COVID-19 (expenditures for 2023 will more accurately align with what has been previously budgeted in those line items)

**Expenditure increases related to inflation:**

- Gas (travel)
- Maintenance and subscription tools

**Revenue changes:**

- Immunization fees
- Anticipate a potential drop in real estate (less building development)
  - Will influence the revenue collected from fees

## HEALTH Department Allegan County Health Department (4 Divisions)

### ADMINISTRATION

- Supports the department as a whole
- Issues Advisories, Cease and Desist letters, etc.
- Collect and evaluate data needed to support efficient public health service delivery and share data with the community

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- Provides services such as well and septic permits, soil erosion permits, restaurant inspections, ground water contamination surveillance, beach sampling, etc.
- Identifies opportunities for environmental health education and work with Planning and Preparedness to develop materials

### RESOURCE RECOVERY

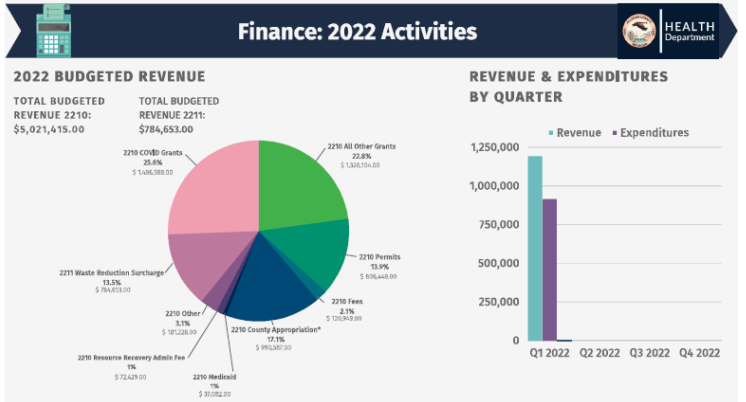
- Coordinate Resource Recovery Program for participating LUG's
- Facilitate Solid Waste Planning Committee

### PERSONAL HEALTH

- Provides services such as STI/HIV, Immunizations, Lead, Hearing and Vision, Communicable Disease, and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
- Provides education, in-services, and on-site inspections for medical providers who participate in Vaccine for Children (VFC) and Adult Vaccine Program (AVP)
  - Safe storage and handling
  - Inventory management
  - Patient education

### PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

- Provides services such as community health needs assessment and community health improvement plans, emergency preparedness, and other planning and health education services that improve community health and quality of life in Allegan County.
- Interacts with the community through social media and media interviews.



## 2021 Annual Report

2021

The year 2021 proved to be a challenging yet rewarding time for Public Health

- Focus on community partnership and cooperation carried into 2021 with COVID-19 mitigation
- Rolled out the largest deployment of a vaccine in our history
- Continued to respond to a pandemic, despite a divided community on what a proper response should be

**Challenges**

- Spread of misinformation
- Rapid change of information, and guidance, which was difficult to keep up with
- At the beginning of the vaccine deployment, our demand was high, but the supply of vaccines was low

**Public Health Wins**

- Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Allegan County Volunteers provided resources for the historic vaccine deployment events in the community. Together, we were able to fully vaccinate 54.2% of our population

**Looking ahead**

- Work together respectfully to build resilience within our community
- Maintain communication and collaboration with the partnerships formed during the pandemic

The 2021 Annual Report will be publicly released after this meeting on our website and sent out to our newsletter subscribers. Printed copies are available upon request.

## Allegan County Health Rankings: 2022 Data Released

2022

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR HEALTH BEHAVIORS: WHERE WE'RE AT

Measure	2019	2022	MI 2022	2022 Target
ADULT SMOKING	18%	19%	20%	15%
ADULT OBESITY	31%*	36%	36%	30%
PHYSICAL INACTIVITY	20%*	28%	25%	23%
ACCESS TO EXERCISE OPPORTUNITIES	73%	46%	77%	86%

\* Data should not be compared to 2022

**Adult Smoking**

- Data source: 2019 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- What measure means: Percentage of adults who are current smokers (age-adjusted)
- Allegan County: Increased from 18% in 2019 to 19% in 2022
- Lower than the overall average for Michigan of 20%

**Adult Obesity**

- Data source: 2019 data from the BRFSS
- What measure means: Percentage of the adult population that reports a BMI greater than or equal to 30 kg/m2 (age-adjusted)
- Allegan County: Increased from 31% in 2019, to 36% this year
- Equal when compared to the overall number in Michigan

**Physical Inactivity**

- Data source: 2019 data from the BRFSS
- What measure means: Percentage of adults reporting no leisure-time activities (age-adjusted)
- Allegan County: Increased from 20% in 2019, to 28% in 2022
- 3% higher than the Michigan overall of 25%

**Access to Exercise Opportunities**

- Data source: 2019 and 2021 data used from ArcGIS which is a combined data file from Business Analyst, ESRI, YMCA, & US Census Tigerline Files
- What measure means: Percentage of population with adequate access to locations for physical activity
- Allegan County: Decreased from 73% in 2019, to 46% in 2022
- Below the state average of 77%

## Allegan County Health Rankings: 2022 Data Released

2022

- The County Health Rankings are based on a model of community health that emphasizes the many factors that influence how long and how well we live.
- The Rankings use more than 30 measures that help communities understand how healthy their residents are today (health outcomes) and what will impact their health in the future (health factors).
- Learn more about the model by visiting <https://bit.ly/3Na8jWt>

## Allegan County Health Rankings: 2022 Data Released

2022

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR QUALITY OF LIFE: WHERE WE'RE AT

Measure	2019	2022	MI 2022	2022 Target
POOR OR FAIR HEALTH	15%	18%	18%	15%
POOR MENTAL HEALTH DAYS	3.9	5.1	5.2	4.0
DIABETES PREVALENCE	10%	9%	10%	8%

**Poor Or Fair Health**

- Data source: 2019 data from the BRFSS
- What measure means: Percentage of adults reporting fair or poor health (age-adjusted)
- Allegan County: Increased from 15% in 2019 to 18% in 2022
- Equal to the state average (18%)

**Poor Mental Health Days**

- Data source: 2019 data from the BRFSS
- What measure means: Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)
- Allegan County: Increased from 3.9 in 2019, to 5.1 in 2022
- Lower than the state average of 5.2

**Diabetes Prevalence**

- Data source: 2017 data from United States Diabetes Surveillance System (BRFSS and US Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program)
- What measure means: Percentage of adults aged 20 and above diagnosed with diabetes
- Allegan County: Decreased from 10% in 2019, to 9% in 2022
- Lower than the state's overall average of 10%

## Allegan County Health Rankings: 2022 Data Released

2022

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR CLINICAL CARE: WHERE WE'RE AT

Measure	2019	2022	MI 2022	2022 Target
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS	3,850:1	4,540:1	1,250:1	1,010:1
DENTISTS	3,420:1	2,970:1	1,290:1	1,210:1
MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS	1,270:1	1,050:1	330:1	250:1
PREVENTABLE HOSPITAL STAYS	3,570	3,149	4,357	2,233
UNINSURED	6%	7%	7%	6%

**Uninsured**

- Data source: 2021 data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates
- What measure means: Percentage of the population under age 65 without health insurance
- Allegan County: Increased from 6% in 2019, to 7% (1% increase)
- Equal when compared to the overall number in Michigan

**Preventable Hospital Stays**

- Data source: 2019 data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health's Mapping Medicare Disparities Tool (MMMD)
- What measure means: Rate of hospital stays for ambulatory-care sensitive conditions per 100,000 Medicare enrollees
- Allegan County: Decreased from 3,570 in 2019, to 3,149 in 2022 (decreased 421)
- Lower when compared to the overall state number of 4,357 (1,208 less)

**Mental Health Providers**

- Data source: 2021 data from the CMS, National Provider Identification (NPI)
- What measure means: This is the ratio of the population to mental health providers per 100,000
- Allegan County: Decreased from 1,270:1 in 2019, to 1,050:1 in 2022
- Higher than the overall number for Michigan which is 330:1

**Primary Care Providers**

- Data source: 2019 data from the Area Health Resource File/American Medical Association
- What measure means: This is a ratio of the population to primary care physicians per 100,000
- Allegan County: Increased from 3,850:1 in 2019 to 4,540:1 in 2022
- Higher than the overall number for Michigan which is 1,270:1

## Allegan County Health Rankings: 2022 Data Released

2022

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FACTORS: WHERE WE'RE AT

Measure	2019	2022	MI 2022	2022 Target
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION	87%	91%	91%	94%
SOME COLLEGE	57%	59%	69%	74%
UNEMPLOYMENT	3.9%	7.3%	9.9%	4%
CHILDREN IN POVERTY	13%	8%	17%	9%

**High School Graduation/Completion**

- Data source: 2016-2020 (5-year average) data from the American Community Survey
- What measure means: Percentage of population ages 25 and older that completed high school
- Allegan County: Increased from 87% in 2019, to 91% in 2022
- Equal to the state average (91%)

**Some College**

- Data source: 2016-2020 (5-year average) data from the American Community Survey
- What measure means: Percentage of adults ages 25-64 with some post-secondary education
- Allegan County: Increased from 57% in 2019, to 59% in 2022
- Below the state average of 69%

**Unemployment**

- Data source: 2020 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics
- What measure means: Percentage of population 16 and older unemployed but seeking work
- Allegan County: We increased from 3.9% in 2019, to 7.3% in 2022
- Below the state average of 9.9%

**Children in Poverty**

- Data source: 2020 data from the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates
- What measure means: Percentage of population under age 18 in poverty
- Allegan County: Decreased from 13% in 2019, to 8% in 2022
- Below the state average of 17%

### HEALTH Department Allegan County Health Rankings: 2022 Data Released

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT:**

**WHERE WE'RE AT**

Metric	2019	2021	MI 2022	2022
AIR POLLUTION	11.0	7.6	7.4	5.9
DRINKING WATER VIOLATIONS	YES	YES	-	-
SEVERE HOUSING PROBLEMS	12%	11%	14%	9%
SEVERE HOUSING COST BURDEN	9%	7%	12%	7%
BROADBAND ACCESS	N/A	85%	84%	88%

**Air Pollution**

- Data source: 2018 Environmental Public Health Tracking Network
- What measure means: Average daily density of fine particulate matter in micrograms per cubic meter (PM2.5)
- Allegan County: Decreased from 11.0 in 2019 to 7.6 in 2022
  - Higher than Michigan overall

**Drinking Water Violations**

- Data source: 2020 data from Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS)
- What measure means: Percentage of households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems (overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, lack of plumbing facilities)
- Allegan County: Yes for both years

**Severe Housing Problems**

- Data source: 2014-2018 data from Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)
- What measure means: Percentage of households that spend 50% or more of their household income on housing
- Allegan County: Decreased from 12% in 2019, to 11% in 2022
  - Below the state average of 14%

**Severe Housing Cost Burden**

- Data source: 2019-2020 data (5-year estimate) from American Community Survey
- What measure means: Percentage of households that spend 50% or more of their household income on housing
- Allegan County: Decreased from 9% in 2019, to 7% in 2022
  - Below the state average of 12%

**Broadband Access**

- Data source: 2018-2020 data (5-year estimate) from American Community Survey
- What measure means: Percentage of households with broadband internet
- Allegan County: Data for 2019 is unavailable
  - Slightly above the state average (84%)

### Administration: 2022 Activities (Quarter 1)

**CUSTOMERS**

**Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHNA/CHIP)**

- MEI: Community Health Survey sent out January 25, 2022
  - Closed March 1, 2022
- MEI: Data compiled and shared with stakeholders by March 4, 2022
- ONGOING: CHNA Report to be shared with Ascension Borgess Allegan's Board, United Way's, and Board of Commissioners by June 30, 2022
- ONGOING: CHIP timeline developed by June 30, 2022

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**Transition to Mandated Services**

- MEI: Using other resources, such as CDC Foundation starting to supplement COVID-19 response

**Optimize Grant Funding to Minimize County funding**

- ONGOING: Reviewing Financial Statement Reports (FSRs) on a regular basis
- ONGOING: Reallocation of essential local public health services funding as needed to maximize utilization of all grant funding

**ENGAGED WORKFORCE**

**Workforce Development Plan**

- MEI: Updated 2022 Workforce Development Plan
- MEI: Ensuring staff are getting updated on training and requirements to provide their public health services

**Supporting Employees with Pandemic and Compassion Fatigue -- Continuous work, Met**

- ONGOING: Assessing individual concerns in 1:86 sessions
- ONGOING: Continue to promote and bring opportunities that promote employee wellness

**IMPROVED PROCESSES**

**CI Project: Contracts/Agreements**

- Public Health has over 150 agreements (MOUs, Contracts, etc.) to manage with Project Management. Working collaboratively on identifying efficiencies for each type of agreement.
- MEI: Activities include:
  - Complete list of all types of agreements
  - Review current process of each agreement
  - Meet with Project Management on process and template alignment

**Accreditation Readiness**

- ONGOING: Assessing accreditation readiness for local public health accreditation and determining gaps

### HEALTH Department Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) sponsored Annual Meeting with elected representatives

- The Personal Health Services Manager, on behalf of the Health Officer (due to medical leave), met with the three Allegan County elected representatives in Lansing.
- The Quarter 1 Public Health Update (from the February 24 BOC meeting) was shared
- Provided high-level information on access to care, communicable diseases/emerging illnesses, environmental health emerging issues, and public health planning and preparedness
- Encouraged them to provide us with direct feedback on concerns or feedback they may have as our local legislators

### Administration: 2022 Activities

**CUSTOMERS**

**Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHNA/CHIP)**

- Q2 Activities include:
  - Community Health Survey Report: <https://bit.ly/38w4dL1>
  - CHNA Report to be shared with Ascension Borgess Allegan's Board, United Way's, and Board of Commissioners by June 30, 2022
  - CHIP timeline developed by June 30, 2022

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**Explore Grant Funding Opportunities Aligning with County-wide Efforts**

- Michigan Rural Health Grant for 2 Community Health Workers
- Extension of funding for HRA and CDC Foundation

**Optimize Grant Funding to Minimize County funding**

- Continue reviewing Financial Statement Reports (FSRs) regularly
- Reallocation of essential local public health services funding as needed to maximize utilization of all grant funding

**Additional State Funding: HB5523**

- Workforce Development Grant: ACHD received approximately \$115,000. The award letter was received on April 22, 2022. Funds must be spent by September 30, 2022. Funds must be specific to COVID-19 workforce activities. We are working with finance to use these funds in place of any general funds related to COVID-19 activities

**ENGAGED WORKFORCE**

**Workforce Development Plan**

- Continue ensuring staff get updated on training and requirements to provide public health services (Training Plans & Learning and Growth's)

**Training Opportunities Identified**

- Microsoft Excel
- Funding for Compassion Fatigue training
- Implicit bias training is required for sanitarians, nurses, etc. <https://338.72031> for 1 hour/recertification year

**IMPROVED PROCESSES**

**CI Project: Contracts/Agreements**

- Over 150 agreements (MOUs, Contracts, etc.) to manage with Project Management. Working collaboratively on identifying efficiencies for each type of agreement process
- Q2 Activity include:
  - Meeting with Project Management to establish process that meets the goal of this CI project

**ACHD Strategic Plan Overview**

- Technical Assistance provided by MPH to develop handout for various plans Public Health has in place and how it relates to the County Organization Strategic Goals
- Sharing in Quarter 3 Public Health Update

### Quarter 1 Stats BY DIVISION

**ADMINISTRATION**

- 39,214** Total Public Health Services Provided (excluding jail health, MCDC, and animal shelter)
- 8** Inquiries responded to
- 90%** of those who filled out the Customer Satisfaction survey for ACHD services responded "Agree or Strongly Agree" to being satisfied with the services they received (n=38)
- 399** Advisories & Recommendations issued (quarantine, isolation, water advisory, exposure letters)
- 28** Learning and Growth meetings with team members completed
- 164.5** Hours spent on Professional Development by team members
- 30** Full-time team members
- 1** Part-time team member
- 1,410** Hours of PTO taken by team members
- 1** Irregular part-time employee
- 10** Contracted team members

**Hours spent on:**

- Jail Health per service area: 0
- Animal Shelter per service area: 14.5
- CHNA and CHIP, HACC: 40
- Learning and Growth: 41.5
- Travel time (hours): 271.5
- Team meetings (hours): 175.25
- Emergency Preparedness Activities (hours): 33
- Hours spent in Strategic planning (IMP) activities: 155.25
- Quality Assurance Activities (hours): 29
- Continuous Improvement Activities (hours): 40
- Hours spent on Policies and Procedures (local): 9
- Percentage of field services meeting 14 business day turnaround goal: 99%
- Percentage of field services meeting 5 day communication benchmark: 99%

### Community Health Survey: Executive Summary

**Community Health Needs Assessment done every 3 years (Sections 3300(1)(J) and 3300(1)(K) of the Public Health Service Act and MCL 333.3221)**

**Identified as a step from 2019 CHIP to gain community perspective**

**GOAL: To gather the perceptions, thoughts, opinions, and concerns of the community regarding health outcomes, health behaviors, social determinants of health, and clinical care for Allegan County. To gain the community voice for effective planning.**

**January 2022 to March 2022 collection period**

**631 Survey Participants**    **38 Questions**    **Paper & Electronic Distribution**

**Limitations:**

- Sample Size
- Sample Representation
- Income Levels
- Age Distribution

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Parks/Green Space
- Mental & Behavioral Health

**TOP STRENGTHS:** Community Safety

**GREATEST HEALTH CONCERNS:** Alcohol & Drug Use, Obesity, Education

## Potential Emerging Public Health Concerns

### ADMINISTRATION

- Communicable diseases/Emerging illnesses, and being able to respond to other public health concerns with limited resources
- Limited access, delay of care related to COVID-19, and impact on chronic diseases and health outcomes for residents
  - Update: received grant funding from Michigan Rural Health Center (approximately \$289,000), until May 2023
    - Identified 2 Community Health Workers to hire, the contract has been executed, awaiting funds
      - Attending training provided by Michigan Community Health Worker Association and using their curriculum
      - Establishing a referral process and meeting with other county departments, such as Senior/Veterans, Public Defenders, Corrections, as well as MACC to educate on the referral process and this available resource
- Social Determinants of Health and Equity and impact on health outcomes
- Working with communities as a Chief Public Health Strategist in a national, state, and local environment where communities are currently divided to focus on using respectful civil conversations



## Resource Recovery: 2022 Activities

### CUSTOMERS

- Online Reporting Tools**
  - Q2 Activities Include
    - Development of Household Hazardous Waste appointment tool
- Supporting Local Units of Government (LUG)**
  - Continue supporting local municipalities interested in participating in the Recycling Surcharge election
- Materials Management County Engagement**
  - Continue review of data collected by West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum through the Materials Management County Engagement Grant
  - Attending 6th sponsored events to learn more about the planning process to update the County's Materials Management Plan.

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Tire Collection Funding**
  - Pairing the Scrap Tire Collection grant with the VBOSP grant to begin a limited collection of oversized and agricultural tires.

### IMPROVED PROCESSES

- P28**
  - Collaborating with team to ensure all service areas have an identified and trained back-up
- Website Improvements**
  - Improving Recycling website through ongoing creation of a recycling guide for difficult to recycle items

### EMERGING RESOURCE RECOVERY CONCERNS

- No Update for Q2, continuing to monitor



## Resource Recovery: 2022 Activities (Quarter 1)

### CUSTOMERS

- Online Reporting Tools**
  - MET: Expanding online reporting tools for residents to request curbside recycling service and to report missed recycling collection
    - Curbside and missed recycling tools added to the county website
- Supporting Local Units of Government (LUG)**
  - ONGOING: Supporting local municipalities interested in participating in the Recycling Surcharge election
- Materials Management County Engagement**
  - MET: Reviewing data collected by West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum through the Materials Management County Engagement Grant

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Tire Collection Funding**
  - MET: Identified agriculture tire collection funding source
    - Outlining service delivery options with VBOSP grant coordinator

### IMPROVED PROCESSES

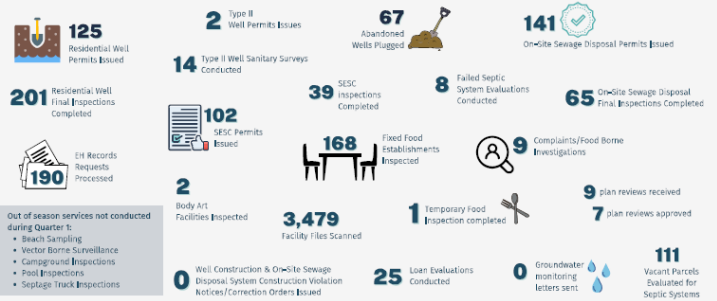
- Exploring Online Scheduling Solutions**
  - MET: Coordinating with IS to explore online scheduling solutions for household hazardous waste and sharps appointments
    - Household hazardous waste appointment tool is in development
- Website Improvements**
  - ONGOING: Improving recycling website through ongoing creation of a recycling guide for difficult to recycle items

### EMERGING RESOURCE RECOVERY CONCERNS

- Legislation requiring updating plans in county. Our current resources in program are not able to accommodate this revision
- Rising transportation and labor costs resulting in increased recycling and household hazardous waste collection costs.
- Lack of countywide recycling and household hazardous waste collection options for residents.
- Lack of available Health Department employees, volunteers, and trustees to support recycling and scrap tire collections.

## Quarter 1 Stats BY DIVISION

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



## Quarter 1 Stats BY DIVISION

### RESOURCE RECOVERY

- 18** LGU Participating in the Recycling Program, with 2 notices received for voter renewal of funding, and 2 additional seeking voter approval for funding to join
- 15** Launched an online recycling guide and added management instructions for 15 materials
- Implemented an online submission form for residents to request curbside recycling services and report missed recycling collection.
- 5** Recycling Social Media Posts in Q1
- Partnered with West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum and seven other W. Michigan counties to complete the Materials Management County Engagement Grant.
- Increased collection of single stream recycling by 3.9%, scrap tires by 69%, household hazardous waste by 15%, and depot site visits by 8.4%

## Environmental Health: 2022 Activities (Quarter 1)

### CUSTOMERS

- Filebound**
  - Project outcome: customers will have access to files on the internet. This project is funded through an MDHHS grant
  - MET: Activities for this Quarter include:
    - Purchase and install technology equipment
    - Interview, hire, and on-board a Robert Half employee
    - Purge existing files
    - Scan files into PDF documents 3,479 files ready
- Ground Water Ad Hoc Committee**
  - Project outcome: Have a community-driven workgroup around the Ground Water study
  - MET: Activities for this Quarter include:
    - Send an email and schedule the 1st meeting for the workgroup
    - Imperson and virtual meeting options
    - Develop Committee Charter

- FINANCIAL STABILITY**
  - Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Financial Statement Reporting**
    - MET: New for 2022
      - Submitted the report to EGLE through the Department of Finance

### IMPROVED PROCESSES

- Standard of Work for Ground Water Laboratory Results (PFAS, etc.)**
  - MET: Activities for this quarter include:
    - Procedures on groundwater site laboratory results
    - Tracking MDHHS registered sites to ensure filter replacements, etc. are not missed
    - Groundwater Specialist and Manager developed a procedure with guidance from Health Officer
    - Developed a procedure and budget for the maintenance of existing filters
- Type II Water Supply Rules/Regulation Changes**
  - UPDATE: 2016 Colliform rules change increasing testing, with no additional funding
    - This creates a challenge for local health department Type II or Non-community Water Supply Coordinators to meet the requirements
    - Developed a Corrective Plan of Action for EGLE to address the deficiencies in the administration of the program



## Environmental Health: 2022 Activities

### CUSTOMERS

#### Filebound

- Project outcome: customers will have access to files on the internet. This project is funded through an MDHHS grant.
- Activities for this quarter include:
  - Onboarded new 2 Robert Half employees
  - Continue purging existing files
  - 4,602 files ready for Filebound

#### Ground Water Ad Hoc Committee

- Project outcome: Have a community-driven workgroup around the Ground Water study
- Activities for this quarter include:
  - Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair
  - HydroSimatics, Inc. proposed a next step for the Work Group
  - Ottawa County and Lakeshore Advantage are presenting to the Work Group

#### ENGAGED WORKFORCE

- 2 Sanitarian attended FEMA funded Environmental Health Training in Emergency (ETHER) in Alabama
- The Ground Water Specialist received Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) training
- A Sanitarian will be attending Vector-borne training the week of May 16th, Part of 72h.

### IMPROVED PROCESSES

#### Standard of Work for Ground Water Laboratory Results (PFAS, etc.)

- Activities for this quarter include:
  - The Ground Water Specialist and EH Services Manager meet with the Health Officer to review the process

#### Type II Water Supply Rules/Regulation Changes

- Multiple agencies working with lawmakers to locate additional funding for the program
- Working with EGLE on this process

#### Status of Gravel Pit Activity

- ARTICLE V - Earth Change Permit Requirements
- Section 501 Activities Requiring an Earth Change Permit (see Section 524.9116 and R 323.1704)
- Invoices were mailed on April 15, 2022
- As of May 11th, 8 have paid and permits issued
- Following up with the remainder

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

#### Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Financial Statement Reporting

- Submitted the Report to EGLE

## Personal Health: 2022 Activities (Quarter 1)

### CUSTOMERS

#### Lead Testing

- MET: Activities for this Quarter include:
  - Provide education and follow-up on Venous confirmation of EBL to parents of children with elevated blood lead levels greater than 4.5ug/dL
  - Ordered new education materials from the State related to the new reference ranges
  - Educate the public and health care providers about childhood lead poisoning and other housing-related health hazards
  - MDHHS go live with materials and updated changes to the database scheduled for 5/21/2022

#### CSHCS Transition Toolkit Development

- MET: Activities for this Quarter include:
  - Create a local transition toolkit for young adults
  - Offer care plan development regarding the transition of care to CSHC clients aged 12 and provide CSHC clients aging out assistance regarding accessing adult care and linking to resources

### CUSTOMERS

#### Immunizations

- MET: Activities for this Quarter include:
  - Adopt a community-based approach to the provision of immunization services by working with community partners
  - Provide a recall for individuals that are not up to date
    - 1,942 Recall notices were sent to Allegan County youth with robust education, vaccine schedules, and resources
  - Working to make vaccines available in non-traditional settings
    - vaccinated 28 homebound individuals
  - Educate the public on vaccine-preventable diseases
    - Mailings, social media posts, and website content

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- MET: Evaluating immunization fees
- MET: Determining what resources are needed to provide mandated communicable disease investigation with the influx of communicable disease cases


#### IMPROVED PROCESSES

- MET: Ensuring all QA activities are being done and identifying opportunities for improvement

## Potential Emerging Environmental Issues

### Ground Water Contamination

- Current Sites of PFAS Interest: KAVCO, Otsego, DeYoung Landfill Sites in Allegan County on Michigan PFAS Action Response Team's website)
- Ground Water Monitoring Program:
  - UPDATE: Sampled 15 wells from DeYoung landfill for groundwater contamination
  - UPDATE: POU PFAS Filters were recommended at 2 sites with exceedances




### Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

- Longer, warmer summer season may contribute to incidences and duration of HABs
- ACHD has joined EGLE and MDHHS on additional training in the detection of HABs


### Vector-borne Diseases, including EEE

- Mosquito/Tick Surveillance program: working with Resource Recovery and Public Health for agriculture tire collection. Updates will be shared in future BOC updates
- Training an additional Sanitarian for P2B to assist with the administration of the program
- Education and promotion to be shared through ACHD communication channels as we enter the season
- Working with Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to put signage on tick prevention up in highly trafficked areas.




### Beach Testing Surveillance and Monitoring

- UPDATE: Beach sampling and surveillance beginning after Memorial Day
- Working with Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to put signage on beach water safety up in highly trafficked areas.



### Climate Change

- The EH Services Manager participated in a webinar about climate change, its effect on the groundwater, and how it will determine the design and installation of septic systems.
- Refreshing sanitarians of water tightness on the septic tanks in high water table areas and to pay attention to the seasonal high water table when performing the soil evaluations.



## Personal Health: 2022 Activities

### CUSTOMERS

#### Lead Testing

- Program goal: Increase the number of children <6 years old testing for lead to help prevent lifelong negative health impacts
- Activities for Q2 include:
  - Introduce new resources to local providers with an updated letter from ACHD Medical Director
  - Update website materials and hyperlinks as they become available on MDHHS website
  - Collaborate with GSC and Head Start Advisory on education, provider resources, and referrals

#### CSHCS Transition Toolkit Development

- Program goal: Increase the percentage of adolescents, with and without special healthcare needs, who receive services necessary to make transitions to adult health care.
- Activities for Q2 include:
  - Print the first run of the local transition resource guide

### CUSTOMERS

#### Immunizations

- Program goal: Increase vaccine coverage rates for vaccine-preventable diseases in Allegan County for all populations with a priority on those 19 and under, as well as vulnerable population
- Activities for Q2 include:
  - Continue to collaborate with redistribution to local providers, assisting additional entities to become approved providers.
  - Provide 3 non-traditional opportunities for targeted vaccine distribution
  - Collaborate with CSHCS team to distribute recall notices to CSHCS enrolled clients, including education and resources related to non-traditional vaccination resources

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Submit budget documents requesting additional resources, as well as the year forecasted needs
- Increasing rabies bite investigation funds related to previous year trends
- Submit RIA and necessary documentation requesting immunization fee adjustment and recommend the frequency of review
- Reevaluation of distribution of duties across the Personal Health Team
- Time study related to the Hearing and Vision program to be developed to inform potential future requests for resources based on demand

## Quarter 1 Stats BY DIVISION

### PERSONAL HEALTH

- 679 CSHCS Total Clients
- 33 CSHCS New Client Enrollment
- 33 Level 1 Plan of Care CSHCS
- 13 Level 2 Care Coordination CSHCS
- 0 CSHCS Case Management Services
- 10 CSHCS Transition Plan of Care
- 57/54 CSHCS Transition contact assist/mailings
- 25 redistributions of vaccine inventory (covid and non-covid)
- 3,811 Overall Medicaid Outreach Units

- 28 Homebound Immunizations given
- 251 Immunizations Provided
- 39 Waivers Provided
- 48 STD/HIV Clinic Visits
- 16,650 Wear One Kits Distributed
- 11 Rabies Evaluations
- 30 Animal Bite Follow-Ups
- 4,912 Hearing and Vision screenings conducted
- 325 Case contacts monitored for COVID-19
- 1 Active TB (DOTs)
- 7 TB Skin Tests placed
- 6 TB latent infections
- 131 STD/HIV Case Follow-up
- 12 Lead Testing Follow-up clients

## Potential Emerging Personal Health Issues

### ONGOING: Communicable Diseases vs. Resources Available

- Identified a Gap related to needs/demands versus resources (current FTEs) related to personal health services, specifically communicable diseases.
- PH requesting position and providing recommendations in our budget development and submission for 2022-2028
  - Requesting coordinator position similar to field and food coordinators to help PH Service Manager to help coordinate all programs

### UPDATE: Lead Levels

- Expanded eligibility and potential demand for services related to Lead
- MDHHS has identified a modest amount of funding to reimburse LHDs for non-Medicaid recipients to receive home-based assessments creating a potential impact on ACHD and team capacity.

### NEW: Children with Hepatitis of Unknown Cause


- CDC is currently working with health departments across the country to identify children with hepatitis of unknown cause. Investigators are examining a possible relationship to adenovirus type 41 infection.
- Cause and prevalence (number of cases) currently not known
- ACHD is providing education on testing and vaccinations

### NEW: Oral Health Legislation

- Under the legislation, MCL333.9316, Screenings are required for those entering kindergarten
- Looking to expand our partnership with My Community Dental Clinics (MCCD)

### NEW: Rabie Bite Investigations

- Allegan County Health Department coordinates the rabies submissions, education, and referral for treatment related to animal bites and exposures.
- The MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories is the only lab in the state that tests animals for rabies.



### NEW: Syphilis

- Rates of primary and secondary (PS) syphilis in women have increased substantially across the United States, 21% from 2019-2020 and 147% between 2016-2020. Michigan is following these trends with 21% of PS syphilis cases reported in 2021 occurring among women of childbearing age.
- Between March 15 and April 26, 2022, 3 individuals with manifestations of early ocular, otic, or neurosyphilis were diagnosed in Kalamazoo County. 2 cases were in women. Ocular and otic syphilis can lead to permanent visual or hearing loss.
- ACHD attending a training related to Syphilis specifically for Public Health Providers in Michigan on June 3.



### Quarter 1 Stats BY DIVISION

#### PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS

- 42** Health Education Materials Created
- 7** Newsletters sent out
- 5** Press Releases sent out
- 0** Outreach Events
- 0** PHIP Drills
- 0** Other County Emergency Preparedness Drills

- 6,870** Followers on Facebook
- 301** Followers on Twitter
- 63** Facebook posts on public health items in Q1
- 45** Twitter posts in Q1

### Potential Emerging Public Health Concerns: Planning and Preparedness

Improve our ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies with limited resources

- Continue to work with local providers and encourage new providers to enroll in being a vaccine provider
  - There are limited partners that can administer to those under 3. Provide updates to local pediatricians on eligibility and recommendations.
- Work with Emergency Management and EOC Annexes to identify gaps and improve all-hazard emergency responses
  - UPDATE: Use data from the After Action Survey to help with improvements

Working with sectors to align resources and collaboration related to Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

- UPDATE: working with the Multi-Agency Collaborative Council on the prioritized needs in the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

**Funding**

- The anticipated funding ACHD will receive for Public Health Emergency Preparedness will not be able to completely cover the continued COVID-19 response.
- Also seeing cost increases for equipment and tools for preparedness activities

#### 2022 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird Flu)

- Monitoring national and state news.
  - National:
    - A person tested positive for Avian Influenza A (H5) virus in Colorado on April 28, 2022. The case occurred in a person who had direct exposure to poultry and was involved in the culling (depopulating) of poultry with presumptive H5N1 bird flu.
  - State:
    - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza has been detected in Branch County, Kalamazoo County, Livingston County, Macomb County, Menominee County, Muskegon County, Oakland County, Saginaw County, Washtenaw County, and Wexford County.
    - On May 11, 2022 MDARD and the Michigan State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory detected HPAI in a commercial poultry facility in Muskegon County. This is the first detection of HPAI in a commercial poultry operation in Michigan.
- Critical for bird owners to practice biosecurity measures. Learn more and subscribe to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development at [www.michigan.gov/birdflu](http://www.michigan.gov/birdflu)

### Planning and Preparedness: 2022 Activities (Quarter 1)

#### CUSTOMERS

##### Community Inclusion Plan

- Requirement: Enhance public health preparedness and awareness through outreach to community partners, including groups representing at-risk populations, and continue to implement a multi-year strategy to ensure greater integration of vulnerable/functional needs populations into local plans, planning, and exercises.
- UNMET: Activities for this quarter include:
  - Update Whole Community Inclusion Plan to reflect identified vulnerable populations for the COVID-19 After Action Report
  - We need to have the data from the After Action Report to effectively update the WCI plan.
  - CORRECTIVE ACTION: Have this activity completed by June 30, 2022.

##### Communication Plan

- MET: Update plan to include Health Education, Outreach, and Mobile Clinic objectives and activities.
- Include at least 4 community outreaches for 2022
- Listed 13 potential outreach events for ACHD to attend
- Incorporate national public health observations in our monthly newsletter
  - See past newsletters: <https://bit.ly/3vQ2wU1>
- Collaborate with other agencies to improve the marketing of community events (MCC, Schools, Businesses, Health Care)
  - Continuous work. Included information from Great Start Collaborative in March newsletter.

#### PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

##### Planning for Vaccine Resistant COVID-19 Variant

- MET: Identifying Resources needed and Activities in the event that there is a vaccine-resistant COVID-19 Variant with higher mortality rates
  - Action steps to be included in Q2 Incident Action Plan (IAP)

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

##### Grant and Technical Assistance Opportunities

- ONGOING: Assessing 10 EPHS and National Public Health Accreditation Readiness
  - Seek grant opportunities and/or Technical Assistance from Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) to bridge gaps

#### IMPROVED PROCESSES

##### COVID-19 After Action Report (similar to Otsego and EEE)

- Develop survey instrument to measure strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities for improvement from the COVID-19 response
- Deploy the survey tool to community partners, community members, businesses, schools, LUGs by March 2022.

##### COVID-19 Quarterly Action Plan Update

- Submit COVID-19 Quarterly Action Plan to MDHHS by March 31, 2022

### Allegan County Health Department: Organization Chart, Staff for COVID Response

#### COVID-19 MITIGATION COMPONENTS

Enhanced Ability to Test	Robust Case Investigation and Contact Tracing	Sufficient Health Care Capacity	Best Practices for Organizations	Vaccination, Treatment and/or Herd Immunity
STAFF: 0	STAFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Contracted Staff                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Epidemiologist, FTE, Remote</li> <li>2 Contact Tracing Coordinators, FTE, Hybrid</li> <li>4 Health Resource Advocates, FTE, Hybrid</li> <li>13 CDC Foundation Staff, FTE, Remote</li> <li>1 Epidemiologist</li> <li>2 School Liaisons</li> <li>4 Contact Tracers</li> <li>6 Case Investigators</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	STAFF: 0	STAFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 CDC Foundation Staff                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Health Educators, FTE, Remote</li> <li>1 Contracted Staff</li> <li>1 Admin Support, FTE, Hybrid</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	STAFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Contracted Staff                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Nurses, FTE</li> <li>1 Vaccine Admin Support, FTE</li> </ul> </li> <li>answer questions for all vaccine providers in Allegan County, inventory management for COVID-19 vaccine</li> </ul>

**11 CDCF Staff leaving by end of Q2**  
ACHD team believes we can continue to provide a mandated response and manage potential surges with prioritized cases, with the resources noted above

### Planning and Preparedness: 2022 Activities

#### CUSTOMERS

##### Community Inclusion Plan

- Update Whole Community Inclusion Plan to reflect identified vulnerable populations for the COVID-19 After Action Report by June 30, 2022.

##### Outreach at Douglas Community Pride and Bridgefest

- Attend 2 Outreach events, promoting health department services, providing access to immunizations, STI/HIV Testing, education on vector-borne diseases, etc.

##### Planning for Vaccine Resistant COVID-19 Variant

- Create templated communication and education for a swift response based on COVID-19 landscape

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

##### Grant and Technical Assistance Opportunities

- Continue assessing 10 EPHS and National Public Health Accreditation Readiness
  - Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) released 2022 accreditation guidelines that changed due to the 10 EPHS changing in 2020.
  - Will be building into our plans to review these changes and update/create action steps to align.

#### IMPROVED PROCESSES

##### COVID-19 After Action Report

- Required report to submit to MDHHS by June 30, 2022
- Deployed the survey in April 2022, closed on April 19, 2022
  - 363 individuals responded to the survey, with over 60% reporting as a Community Member
  - Comments were more frequent by those who were most displeased, against COVID vaccines, or believed the pandemic was a political
  - Areas identified for improvement include consistent, direct communication, mental health services, consistent contact tracing, delay of care
  - Areas identified as strengths include social media and access to testing and vaccine clinics, which continued to improve over the phases
- Activities for Q2 include:
  - Analyzing results from the survey
  - Host focus groups for a "deeper dive" into areas identified for improvement and areas identified as strengths for more knowledge on tangible improvements we can make locally.
    - EOC Annexes to assist with prioritization for AAR
    - Submit a report to MDHHS, due June 30, 2022
    - Will be sent to BOC prior to submission

### COVID-19 Response: 2022 Activities (Quarter 1)

#### CUSTOMERS

##### Health Resource Advocates and School Liaisons

- MET: Deploy 4 Regional Health Resource Advocates and 11 School Liaisons to local school districts

##### Website Improvements

- MET: Update COVID-19 Website to improve navigation on various COVID-19 topics
- MET/ONGOING: Provide sources for local Health Education resources

##### Providing Health Education

- MET: Creating educational materials for social media to include mitigation strategies, latest research, timely news
  - 26 materials
- MET: Updating guidance documents as the situation changes
  - Updated School Guidance Documents and Workplace Toolkit

##### Access to Mitigation Tools

- MET: Deploy adult and child KN95 masks to LUGs and Libraries for community members (ensuring adequate masking for personal protection for those at risk)
  - 14,120 adult KN95 masks distributed, 530 child KN95 masks distributed

#### ENGAGED WORKFORCE

##### Staffing Changes

- Onboard CDC Foundation staff members for contact tracing, case investigation, health education, school liaison, epidemiology

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

##### Staffing Changes

- Using CDC Foundation resources to help maintain mandated services

#### IMPROVED PROCESSES

##### Recovery Phase, Managing Close Contacts similar to other Communicable Diseases

- MET: Providing exposure notices in school settings
  - 398 exposure notices sent in Q1
- Quarantine used in outbreak clusters, and other specialized circumstances such as high risk settings

##### Accessible Testing

- MET: Identified LUGs and Libraries to distribute rapid antigen testing kits and waiting on supplies to re-distribute to them.
  - Individuals can access at home testing kits at 2 libraries (Allegan and Fennville) through MDHHS program
- MET: Share information via email newsletter and social media



## COVID-19 Response: 2022 Activities

### CUSTOMERS

#### Assess Treatment Access with Providers

- Continue to work with providers to understand barriers to offering treatment in their practice
- Developing Standard Operating Procedures with our medical director in the event ACHD needs to provide Anti-viral treatments

#### Providing Health Education

- Regularly create educational materials for social media to include mitigation strategies, latest research, timely news
- Continue to update local guidance documents as new information/guidance emerges

#### Access to Mitigation Tools

- Continue to deploy adult and child KN95 masks to LUG's and Libraries for community members (ensuring adequate masking for personal protection for those at risk). Preparing for a resurgence by getting a cache of PPE and rapid home tests to get to our community partners to deploy when we have a resurgence.

### ENGAGED WORKFORCE

#### Staffing Changes

- Offboarding 11 CDC Foundation staff members and realigning team related to Communicable Disease
- Onboard 2 Community Health Workers (grant-funded), 1 HRA and 1 Admin Support

### FINANCIAL STABILITY

#### Staffing Changes

- Continue using CDC Foundation resources to help maintain mandated services based on response levels for future surges for as long as resources are available
- Working with Finance Department to maximize COVID-19 funding

#### Billing insurances for COVID-19 related services

- Exploring billing codes related to COVID-19 related services, such as anti-virals

### IMPROVED PROCESSES

#### Recovery Phase, Managing similar to other

#### Communicable Diseases

- Continuing to monitor, but incorporating to roll response into our Communicable Disease Program (Personal Health)

#### Communicable Disease Plan for Schools

- Provide school leadership a templated individual communicable disease plans to use their Emergency Operation Plans since illness/outbreaks are an identified risk

## Questions?



**Are there any items that you'd like to see included in the next BOC Quarterly Meeting?**

**BREAK - 11:18 A.M.**

5/ Upon reconvening at 11:27 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Absent: Kapenga.

**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES: PRIORITIZATION OF STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS**

6/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Cain to take action during the June 9, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting on the Legislative Advocacy Services Prioritization of Strategic Focus Areas. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES POLICY**

7/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to remove the Legislative Advocacy Services Policy from the table. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Thiele, DeYoung, Dugan and Cain. Nays: Storey and Jessup. Absent: Kapenga.

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2022, the Board developed a concept for administrating Legislative Advocacy Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners (Board) authorized the County Administrator to finalize the concept for the Legislative Advocacy Services into a formal resolution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board hereby adopts the Legislative Advocacy Services Policy; effective immediately, as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Thiele, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Nays: Storey. Absent: Kapenga.

**ALLEGAN COUNTY  
POLICY**



**TITLE:** Legislative Advocacy (Lobbying) Services

**APPROVED BY:** Board of Commissioners

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 12, 2022

1. **GENERAL:** As determined by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) (April 28, 2022), the County Administrator (CAO), utilizing official action of the BOC (through adoption of plans, policies or specific resolutions/motions), is the contact and coordinator for Advocacy Services. Considering the rapid nature of legislative activity, the BOC will maintain a list of authorized topics and positions proactively for the CAO and the Legislative Advocate (LA) to act upon.
  - 1.1 To assist in providing input to the BOC on legislative matters or County initiatives that may cross various sectors, the BOC has established the “Legislative Advisory Workgroup” which may be assembled when the BOC has referred an item to the workgroup for a recommendation. The workgroup is considered “Ad Hoc” and is not recognized as a standing committee. When assembled, the workgroup may consist of the following representative areas (based on the topic(s) of consideration and the areas/individuals most aligned to the topic(s)) and shall not exceed 5 individuals assembled to vote on a recommendation:
    - a. A representative of the BOC
    - b. County Administrator (and other administrative resources that may be needed for a given topic) as a resource and coordinator to the workgroup and representative to the Advocacy Services firm.
    - c. A representative of the Judicial Council
    - d. Road Commission
    - e. County-wide elected official(s) that may relate to a topic
2. **PROCEDURE:** To address the policy, the following procedure shall be utilized:
  - 2.1 Requests for input/information
    - a. LA contacts CAO with inquiry.
    - b. CAO may: 1) address the inquiry directly based on facts available, including formal actions of the BOC, 2) forward inquiry to the appropriate service area for input, with a deadline for response, and/or 3) forward the inquiry to the Legislative Advisory Workgroup with a deadline for response.
    - c. Any input gained through 2.1.b will be compiled and sent back to the LA (this info does not represent an official position of the County unless provided by the CAO based on BOC direction or delegated authority).
    - d. The information provided to the LA shall be supplied to the BOC.
  - 2.2 Request for direction/position
    - a. LA contacts CAO with a request for direction or a position on behalf of the County.
    - b. CAO may provide a response to the LA if the BOC has already taken action or has delegated authority to the CAO. The information will also be provided to the BOC.
    - c. In the absence of formal BOC action or delegated authority, the CAO must await formal direction from the BOC.
    - d. Prior to the receiving the BOC’s formal direction, the CAO may gather input from the Legislative Advisory Group representative areas and present the findings to the BOC.
    - e. Notwithstanding 2.2.d, the BOC in its consideration, may refer the matter to the Legislative Advisory Committee for a formal recommendation.
    - f. Once the BOC provides formal direction, the CAO will provide a response to the LA.

**BREAK - 12:12 P.M.**

8/ Upon reconvening at 12:36 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Absent: Kapenga.

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY RELEASE**

9/ Commissioners reviewed the questions for the National Community Survey. Discussions involved having questions relating to broadband and the accessibility of broadband.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Cain to take action on the National Community Survey Release during the June 9, 2022 session to give time for the appropriate changes to be addressed regarding internet and broadband access. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**AMEND MEETING AGENDA**

10/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to amend the meeting agenda and move the remaining agenda items to the afternoon session. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS**

11/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comment:

1. Harold Michaels of 3905 40<sup>th</sup> St in Hamilton addressed the board regarding nuisance dog barking

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 9, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.**

12/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adjourn until June 9, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**AFTERNOON SESSION****MAY 26, 2022 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

13/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on May 26, 2022 at 1:17 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 12, 2022, and rules of this Board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #4 Commissioner DeYoung.

The Deputy County Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	DEAN KAPENGA - Absent	DIST #5	TOM JESSUP
DIST #2	JIM STOREY - Left 2:15 PM	DIST #6	GALE DUGAN
DIST #3	MAX THIELE	DIST #7	RICK CAIN
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG		

**MAY 12, 2022 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED**

**14/** Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to approve the minutes for the May 12, 2022 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS**

**15/** Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Brian Harrison of Rockford addressed the board regarding auto insurance reform. Would like to be placed on a future agenda as a discussion item.
2. Lori Zourbo of Kalamazoo addressed the board regarding auto insurance reform.

**AGENDA - ADOPTED AS AMENDED DURING PLANNING SESSION**

**16/** Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the meeting agenda as amended during the planning session. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**PRESENTATIONS - COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**

**17/** Executive Director Lisa Evans of Community Action Agency addressed the board with an update with the services Community Action Agency provides to the area.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

**18/ WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for May 20, 2022 and May 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, said claims are listed in the 2022 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

**May 20, 2022**

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	70,300.76	70,300.76	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	3,137.53	3,137.53	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb. - 215	42.47	42.47	
Health Department Fund - 221	15,879.09	15,879.09	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	8,158.61	8,158.61	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	2,100.13	2,100.13	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	229.74	229.74	
Grants - 279	735.00	735.00	
Sheriffs Contract - Wayland Township - 286	1,321.54	1,321.54	
Transportation Fund - 288	84,228.19	84,228.19	
Child Care Fund - 292	6,755.85	6,755.85	

Senior Services Fund - 298	138,645.89	138,645.89	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 516	115.40	115.40	
Tax Reversion 2020 - 621	175.00	175.00	
Tax Reversion 2018 - 629	510.00	510.00	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	88.84	88.84	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool - 661	98.85	98.85	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	778.85	778.85	
Drain Fund - 801	32,282.52	32,282.52	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$365,584.26</b>	<b>\$365,584.26</b>	

**May 27, 2022**

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	181,353.81	181,353.81	
Friend of the Court Fund – 215	205.00	205.00	
Friend of the Court Office - 216	2,412.50	2,412.50	
Health Department Fund - 221	2,557.69	2,557.69	
Solid Waste/ Recycling –226	56,977.99	56,977.99	
Animal Shelter - 254	6,631.00	6,631.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	413.23	413.23	
Palisades Fund – 257	350.14	350.14	
Indigent Defense - 260	6,309.04	6,309.04	
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund - 261	4,957.96	4,957.96	
Justice Training Fund – P.A.302, 1982 - 266	400.00	400.00	
Grants – 279	12,037.30	12,037.30	
Transportation Grant – 288	4,272.95	4,272.95	
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 292	3,683.96	3,683.96	
Soldiers Relief Fund - 293	36.88	36.88	
Senior Millage - 298	42,568.22	42,568.22	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	180,874.20	180,874.20	
Central Dispatch CIP - 496	33,134.59	33,134.59	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 516	115.40	115.40	
Delq. Tax Revolving Fund 2021 Taxes- 521	20,027.56	20,027.56	
Tax Reversion – 620	63.81	63.81	
Tax Reversion 2020 – 621	175.00	175.00	
Drain Equipment Revolving - 639	36.01	36.01	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	15,554.35	15,554.35	
Drain Fund - 801	50,072.18	50,072.18	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$625,220.77</b>	<b>\$625,220.77</b>	

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for May 20, 2022 and May 27, 2022.

May 26, 2022 Session



Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Cain to adopt the report of claims for May 20, 2022 and May 27, 2022. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**WISHBONE SHELTER - PROPERTY USE**

**19/ WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners (Board) has reviewed the proposal from the Wishbone Pet Rescue Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegan Township has provided review and support of the proposal.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Board hereby approves the Wishbone Pet Rescue Inc. proposal, as attached; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** authorizes an initial project budget of up to \$100,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund balance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the County Administrator is authorized to incur the necessary measures to demolish the old shelter and prepare the site for a new modular structure to include addressing any substrate concerns around drains and provide a concrete pad with utility hook up; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the County Administrator is authorized to develop and execute the agreements in conjunction with legal counsel(s) and the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to perform the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Cain, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Storey, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Nays: Thiele. Absent: Kapenga.



May 1, 2022

Allegan County Board of Commissioners  
3283 122nd  
Allegan, MI 49010

To: County Commissioners and County Administration  
Ref: New Modular Structure

Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance has more than a decade of experience managing and improving operations at the Allegan county animal shelter. With the county's collaboration under contract since 2011, Wishbone has had a positive impact in our Allegan community both for animals and humans alike.

Allegan County community members trust Wishbone Pet Rescue to house and protect the animals that arrive at the Allegan animal shelter. They rely on us for keeping in step with MI Dept of Ag increasing regulatory issues and health standards as well as reduced euthanization and increased adoption. Our community can now trust if their dog or cat is picked up as a stray, not only can they reclaim their animal due to our social media presence but animals will not be subjected to risk of disease.

Wishbone's vision to make the Allegan animal shelter an adoption facility has been achieved with our commitment to fundraising, grant writing and development of our comprehensive medical program. Wishbone's spay/neuter program for the shelter animals removes all animal control Dept of Ag mandate to follow up on contracted spay/neuter of adopted animals. With the new emphasis by the state for spay/neuter, Wishbone's spay/neuter program avoids fines by the state for incomplete contracts by adopters.

As is with improvements in operations comes demands on the facility. Wishbone has functioned under tight space limitations. Animals still intubated from surgery lie on the floor under the feet of the veterinarian until awake and moved to a recovery area. However, recovery and pre-op for animals are held in carriers through-out the lobby and adoption room floors within the facility. Aside from the surgery space limitations, the shelter has inadequate supply storage, housing and isolation space for cats. Although the state does not mandate cats be brought to a county animal shelter Allegan Commissioners voted to continue housing cats in order to meet the demands of our Allegan community.

The County's Quarterly Animal Shelter Committee was charged with the responsibility of a scoping document to identifying the limitations of the current facility and possible solutions. After constructive meetings over 3 years, Wishbone has determined that without extensive cost to modify the existing shelter, the only economical solution is a separate modular building. This building can then house not only a proper surgical suite with both pre-op & post-op space, but also storage, office space, all cat housing and dog assessment area. The county's desire to raze the old animal shelter



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would allow for placement of a new modular structure which Wishbone would research and completely fund in its purchase. The building would meet all county and township approvals as well as necessary Dept of Ag regulations.

The county would be responsible for razing the old shelter, preparing the site for a new modular structure to include addressing any substrate concerns around drains and provide a concrete pad with utility hook up. This new structure would be insured and maintained by Wishbone. Additional specific details of this new venture to be discussed once Wishbone has the County Commissioners approval vote to move forward.

This solution not only meets Wishbone's needs for our improved services, but addresses the concerns by County Administration not to be left with a building that the County is unable to maintain in the event Wishbone is no longer contracted to manage the shelter.

Wishbone is asking the County Commissioners to discuss this matter at your next scheduled Commissioner meeting. Wishbone has it annual fundraising Gala on June 4, which will present an opportune time to continue to raise funds for this building.

Regards,

Jim Sellman, President



**wishbone**  
Pet Rescue Alliance

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Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, manages programs that shelter and care for rescued animals in West Michigan including the Wishbone House thrift shop and pet adoption center located at 165 Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406, phone (269) 455-5247; and the Allegan County Animal Shelter located at 2933 33rd St., Allegan, MI 49010, phone (269) 686-5112.

24 May 2022

To: Allegan County Board of Commissioners,

As I find myself unable to participate in the discussion of the Allegan County Animal Shelter, scheduled for 26 May, either in person or remotely I respectfully submit these thoughts and responses to the BOC discussion of the shelter from 12 May.

As a member of the Shelter oversight committee I was asked to represent not only the community in general but the appropriate veterinary considerations and operations at the Shelter. As we all know the history of the shelter has been one of evolution over the last 15-20 years. The shelter when I came to this community was basically a housing area for strays that were euthanized after a mandatory holding period, as were almost all county shelters in the midwest. In my early days of practice starting in 1976 in Wisconsin local veterinarians were all expected to "take their turns at the shelter". This meant going to the county shelter once a week to euthanize animals. A few of the animals were re-united with their owners but that was rare. Rarer still were adoptions from the shelters. There was no demand from the public nor were there any real mechanisms within shelter operations for adoption. I found this the case in the 2 counties I practiced in in Wisconsin and the one county I practiced in in Texas. It was pretty much the same case here in Allegan County when I arrived in 1986. Here there was but one veterinarian associated with the shelter as the State of Michigan Board of Pharmacy had created a special "shelter license" for the use of controlled substances used in euthanasia. Animal Control officers were trained and licensed to use the euthanasia by the State so Veterinarians were not required to perform the task. In the late 70's and early 80's there was a public push to use the shelters as adoption centers to save animals from euthanasia. The new mindset spread across the country and spawned many private as well as public adoption centers. County animal shelters nationwide embraced the new idea because frankly they too found it distasteful to just euthanize the animal without any attempt to rehome.

The Veterinary community responded in the early 2000's by creating the American Association of Shelter Veterinarians. This is a professional group that is a subset of the American Veterinary Medical Association dedicated to be a resource for Veterinarians associated with Animal Shelters both private and public. The first order of business for the AASV was to produce a Compilation of Standards of Care at Animal Shelters. This final document covers all areas of shelter standards. It is not a legally binding document in itself in that it is not state or federal law. It is rather the definitive Standard of Care that the legal system would refer to in case of any civil litigation. Several years ago when this was developed and finalized I transmitted a copy to county administration as well as the Wishbone group.

This has become my guide in my input to the Shelter Workgroup.

The disconnect here is that even though the popular attitude towards shelters has changed dramatically as has the Standard of Care at shelters changed the State Laws have not. As the public has increasingly demanded that shelter animals have much more intensive medical and emotional care and the veterinary community backed that care State laws have not reflected that change. I will concede that in the face of out of control feral populations in the environment of demand for increased adaptability the State of Michigan did create a statute that animals be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. This requirement could be met by actually doing the surgery in the shelter or entering into a "contract" with the adopting family in which they agree as a condition of adoption to have the surgery done within a defined period and providing documentation of same. This policy was in place in 1986 when I began my practice in Allegan. At that time until relatively recently it was largely ignored by the Michigan's Department of Agriculture, the agency that inspects and licenses Michigan's shelters. It has now become one of the areas of emphasis of their inspections and enforcement. Our inspector regularly now asks to see the contract files and spay and neutering confirmations.



It is out of this background that the Wishbone group has chosen their protocols and I must say that I applaud them for their efforts. Today's Standard of Care calls for preventive and curative measures to be employed as a matter of routine in preparing animals for adoptions. The State law (mandate) however requires little more than supplying food and water prior to euthanasia. There is the nod to population control for animals adopted. As you can see there is a huge gap between the Mandate and the Standard of Care and therein lies the rub!

As Rob clearly outlined in the last discussion the Workgroup explored all reasonable and a few not so reasonable options going forward with the shelter and has brought a recommendation to the BOC that everyone in the shelter Workgroup supports where Wishbone can go forward with their mission of meeting the Standard of Care and the county has to extend themselves the least amount over the Mandate.

In my opinion asking the BOC to demolish a building that has outlived its usefulness and had been deemed not worth the cost of renovation years ago (thus the new construction some 12 years past) is a minimal ask in order to pave the way for this Wishbone group to build and pay for a 3500-4000 sq ft facility that will address all the issues they have in meeting the current Standard of Care. I must comment that the days are long gone where Commissioner Thiele's \$5 bounty on cats is a solution that would even be appropriate to propose. Also it was made very clear to the Workgroup, and I would hope that the BOC has the same clarity, that the Sheriff's Department nor the Health Department are able or willing to fully takeover the shelter operations without a private partner due to lack of resources and manpower.

Finally to address the potential issues with the Allegan Township that were brought up during the last discussion. The County Administrator has in hand a letter from the Township Supervisor that he does not anticipate any issues with the proposed building. As an Allegan Township trustee and longtime member of the Township Planning Commission I would agree that there is nothing within our zoning rules that would impede construction. The zoning is well spelled out and as long as the plan meets setbacks there would be no issue in issuing a building permit. There would have to be a demolition permit issued also. These are issued at minimal cost to assure appropriate capping of abandoned wells and safe and appropriate destruction of septic systems to protect the area groundwater.

Respectfully,

JimConnell DVM

**NOMINATE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN**

20/ Chairman Storey opened nominations to nominate a temporary Chairman.

Commissioner Cain nominated Commissioner DeYoung

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Cain to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner DeYoung as nominated. Motion carried unanimously.

**BROADBAND LEGISLATION RECOMMENDATION**

21/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to take action on the Broadband Legislation during the June 9, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 2 votes.

**WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS**

22/ Commissioners discussed water and sewer projects as it relates to ARPA funding; and the requests coming in from jurisdictions on their projects. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to table discussion on the water and sewer project until June 23, 2022 session. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Nays: Thiele. Absent: Kapenga and Storey.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT - CITY OF ALLEGAN WORKGROUP**

23/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Cain to appoint Commissioner DeYoung to be the representative to the City of Allegan Workgroup in lieu of Commissioner Kapenga. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 2 votes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS**

24/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

25/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to add discussion item to the June 9<sup>th</sup> planning session regarding auto insurance reform. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan, Cain. Nays: Thiele. Absent: Kapenga and Storey.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 9, 2022 AT 1:00 P.M.**

26/ Moved by Commissioner Cain, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adjourn until June 9, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 2 votes.

*Jennifer Duen*

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Deputy Clerk

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Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 00/00/2022 Session

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# 48th Circuit Court

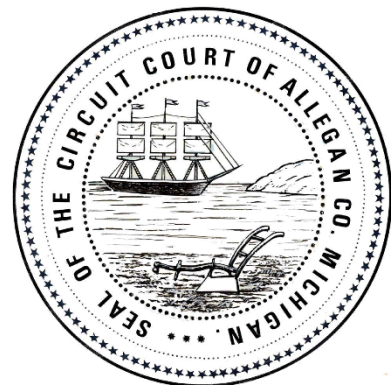
## 2021 Annual Report

Thursday, June 9, 2022

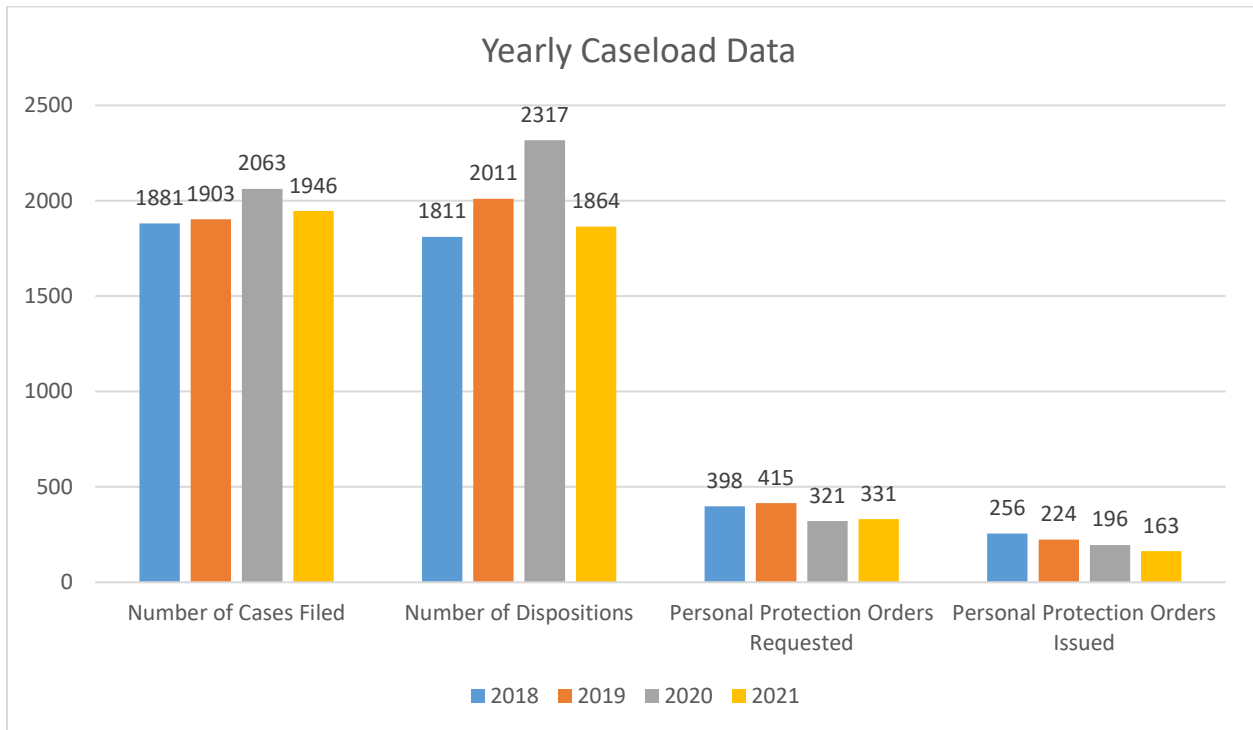
Criminal and Civil,

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# Circuit Court Statistics



Circuit Court continues to see a high number of case filings and dispositions. Despite yet another year of COVID-related challenges, Circuit Court remained open and conducting business throughout the year.

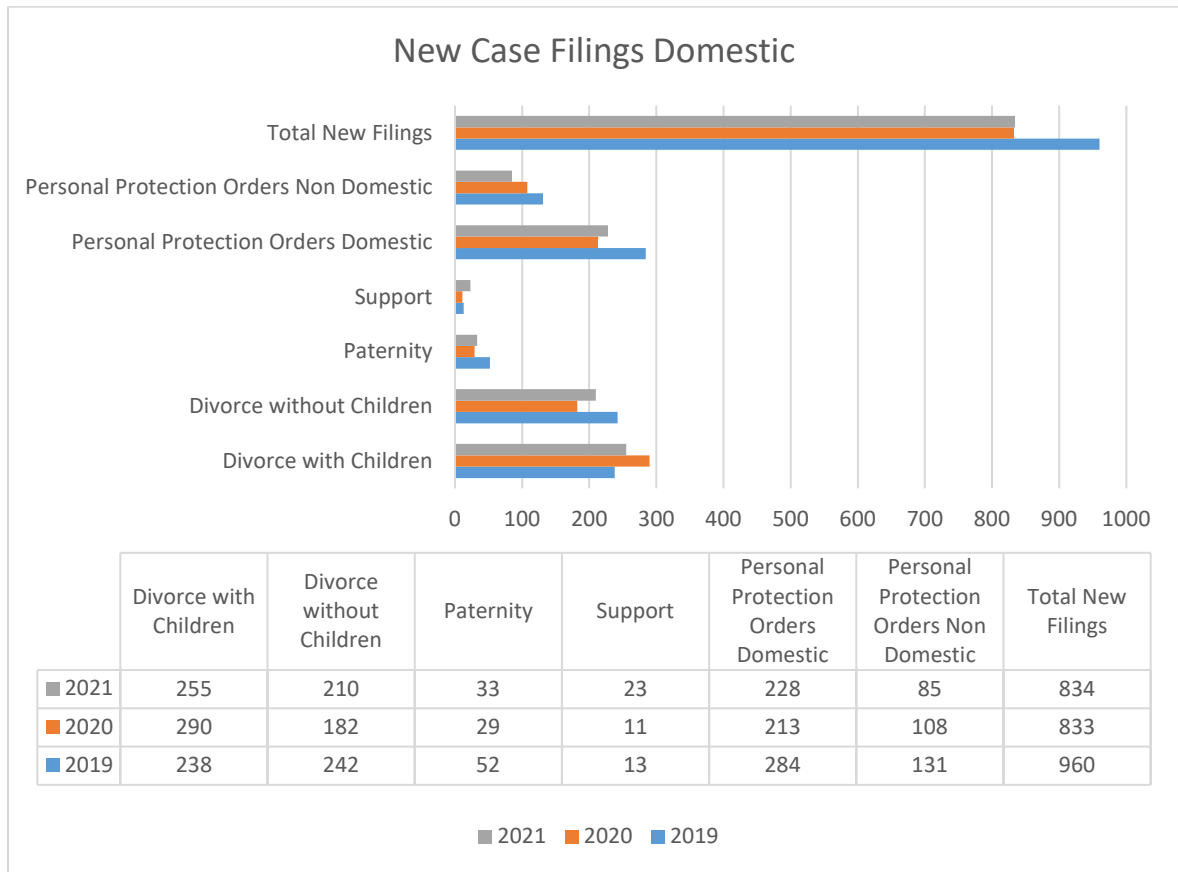
Zoom and YouTube remained vital tools for the courts in 2021. Circuit Court continued to abide by state mandates related to the pandemic response, as well as the recommendations of the Allegan County Health Department. Masks and social distancing were required through 2021. Additional mitigation tools such as remote work remain options for departments, which has been well received by the majority of employees.

Circuit Court worked diligently to reduce the backlog of jury trials created by increased filings and COVID. In our 2020 report, we noted over 118 jury trials which needed to be conducted. As of March 2022, this number has been reduced to 79 trials. Jurors continue to be polled after each trial, and all continue to report complete satisfaction with the strategies implemented by the courts.

One of the biggest challenges for Circuit Court in 2021, was a number of retirements in key roles. Following decades of dedicated service to this community, we saw the retirement of Ted Reimer, Director of Cheever, Robin Lyons, Director of Detention, and Chris White, Assignment/Scheduling Clerk. We also saw two transitions in both the Circuit Court

Administrator position and the Friend of the Court position. Also, the beginning of 2022 brought the retirement of Juvenile Probation Officer, Charlie DeVries after 41 years of service.

In 2021, 1946 cases were filed in Circuit Court, which includes all case types. 812 of these cases were felony cases, and there were 287 bind overs for drug related offenses. In prior years we have reported statistics on how many of the drug cases involved methamphetamine. Due to the change in our case management system, this information is not readily available with the available reports in the new system.



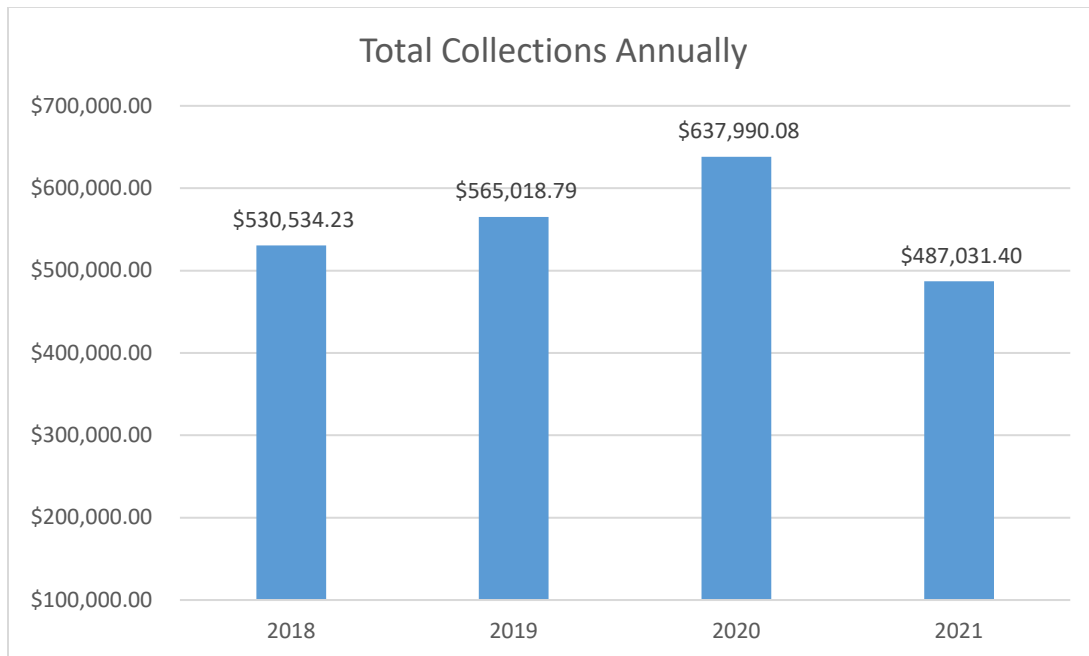
2021, was another busy year for domestic cases as well, with numbers staying fairly consistent over the past 3 years.

One of the biggest changes 2021 brought Circuit Court, was the replacement of the JIS AS400 court management system to the new WebTCS court management system. This meant all circuit court staff and all circuit court clerks had to learn a new case management system on top of the already present challenges and back logs of the pandemic.

# Circuit Court Collections

This year felony collections in Circuit Court hit a huge setback with the loss of our recently purchased software system. This was another challenge caused by the new WebTCS court management system being implemented by the state. As you may recall, circuit court collections has been a daunting task over the past few years. Collections on these cases are very difficult as some defendants go to prison, rehab, or are put under the supervision of the Michigan Department of Corrections Adult Probation. After sentencing, they have little contact with the court. In addition to these challenges, Allegan County does not have a dedicated collections department, so there is not a dedicated person or department to oversee these matters. As mentioned in last year's report, the court decided to purchase and implement the COLLECT system to assist with collections. This software works with the circuit court case management system (JIS/AS400), to track and manage the collections process. Within the first few months of implementation, the cost of the software had exceeded an astounding Return on Investment of over a factor of 10.

However after purchasing the software in March, we were notified and forced to upgrade from the AS400 to WebTCS in June. Unfortunately, WebTCS and COLLECT were not compatible. WebTCS comes with some minimal collection resources but no real assistance. Once again the court is faced with limited resources for collections, but maintains dedicated to finding another solution.



# Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)

Fiscal Year 2022, was Allegan County's 9<sup>th</sup> year of participating in this fully grant funded opportunity to slow the prison pipeline. After some financial cuts in FY21, the Swift and Sure probation program saw its biggest grant award for FY22. So far in 2022, there has been one graduation and no unsuccessful discharges. The program continues to test participants for illegal substances and alcohol. Overall, the program continues to grow and add participants each quarter.

The program has monthly meetings to ensure the program is operating efficiently. The monthly meetings also allow staff to ensure the budget is on track as well as discuss any participants that require more of a specialized treatment plan. In 2021, there were an average of 11 participants in the program at a time. There were 10 successful completions, and 1 unsuccessful discharge in 2021.

During the pandemic, some participants struggled with relapses and negative influences in their lives, but some participants thrived by being promoted to new positions, which earned them higher salaries. For some, securing stable housing and eliminating negative people in their lives was their biggest victory in a long time, but nonetheless was still celebrated and encouraged. I would like to thank the Swift and Sure team as well as court/county leadership for their support of specialty courts and programs that are a cost-efficient and effective alternative to prison.

Specialty Court Coordinator  
Aaron Arredondo

# Allegan County

## Friend of the Court (FOC)

For most of 2021, the FOC was operating under continuing restrictions due to COVID-19. Even though in-person meetings and hearings were limited, FOC staff continued to provide services using technology such as electronic signing of documents, telephone meetings, and remote hearings conducted using the Zoom platform.

The FOC experienced turnover in three different positions in 2021, but was able to successfully fill these vacancies with new team members. A new FOC director was hired at the very end of the 2021, calendar year.

### **Performance Statistics**

Support arrearage is decreasing. The Michigan child support program has provided both administrative and legal avenues to payers with past-due support that no longer have the ability to pay these arrearages, to request a discharge or forgiveness of some child support arrearages. The total amount of past due support has decreased from \$21,814,736 in 2019, to \$19,889,944 in 2021. This is a decrease of \$1,924,792, and this trend is expected to continue.

The FOC distributed a total amount of support of \$13,684,827 in 2021. Seventy-two percent (72%) of support was distributed in the month it was ordered.

Through a cooperative agreement between the Court and the Sheriff, a Sheriff's Deputy was hired and dedicated to enforcing bench warrants issued for failure to pay child support. This program is just getting off the ground and there are not statistics for the 2021, calendar year. However, initial data from 2022, shows that this program will be a success in collecting past-due child support.

FOC Facilitators resolved 75% of custody issues outside of the courtroom through facilitative information gathering conferences.

FOC Enforcement Officers have an average of 1,183 court cases each. They are responsible for monitoring support payments and initiating enforcement of the Court's custody, parenting time, and support orders. In 2021, the Enforcement Officers initiated 776 contempt hearings, issued 284 custody and parenting time notices, and issued 253 bench warrants. These activities were in addition to monitoring and responding to case alerts, meeting with parents to help resolve disputes, making referrals for mediation services, and calculating support and drafting consent orders for parents.

# Alternative Contempt Track (ACT) Program

The Circuit Court's Alternative Contempt Track (ACT) Docket is an intensive supervision program for parents that are not paying their child support obligation due to underlying issues such as poverty, mental health disorders, substance use disorders, physical disabilities, etc. A Specialized Enforcement Officer works with individuals to identify barriers to regular support payments, and locate appropriate resources/services for the parent to remove barriers to regular support payments. These parents meet on a regular basis with the Specialized Enforcement Officer and have monthly court meetings with Judge Bakker.

In 2021, nine new participants were admitted into the program. Nine individuals successfully completed the ACT docket. During the program, participants are expected to make payments on the past-due support owed.

## 2021 ACT payments

- Payments for 2021 Discharged Cases
  - 1 participant paid case in full and case has now been closed (arrear only case)
  - 1 participant paid down all arrears on 2 cases
  - 4 participants began making and continue payments (includes sporadic payments)
  - \$23,285.12 collected from ACT participants (includes involuntary payments)
- Payments for 2021 ACTIVE ACT participants
  - \$20,651.59 collected in 2021 from current, ACTIVE participants (included involuntary payments)
  - 5 participants began and continue making payments
  - 1 participant paid arrears and is now current with their support
- Grand total collected from all 2021 Act participants: \$43,936.71

## Challenges faced by ACT program and participants in 2021:

Housing and transportation continue to be the most challenging barriers for ACT participants. With no emergency shelter in Allegan County and limited public transportation—it has been difficult getting services for individuals facing homelessness. ACT refers those facing homelessness to the Homeless Assistance Program in Allegan (or similar agency if participant is not in Allegan Co) to begin the process of receiving assistance if eligible.

In 2021, a participant lost their housing and employment due to a mental health crisis. The participant was living in his truck for some time, but eventually was able to get assistance and secured an apartment, and eventually gained full employment with the assistance from



agencies in Kalamazoo County. This participant was successfully discharged from the program, and is now living near the Flint area and secured employment with GM.

Another challenge participants continue to face are certain felony charges which prevent them for accessing some affordable housing situations. This seems to be a recurring issue with many of the ACT participants. Employers are increasingly being more flexible with felony charges as the workforce has dwindled since the beginning of the pandemic. There are more “felon friendly” employers than ever before and this has been beneficial for many of our participants.

Our ACT referrals slowly rose in 2021 compared to 2020. With FOC enforcement officers now being able to request bench warrants be issued on those payers who fail to appear for their show cause hearings – and more child support bench warrant pick-ups – 2021 saw the program grow slightly. The program is moving towards the direction of capacity which is between 15-20 cases.

### **Success Stories from 2021:**

In 2021, more money was collected from ACT participants than ever before—almost double the total collected in 2020. Monies collected include wage garnishment and tax offsets—but many participants have seen significant decreases in their arrears.

One participant was able to pay off almost \$10,000 in arrears between offsets and wage garnishments. This participant has definitely turned their life around and put in the hard work to do so.

Another participant was able to begin having consistent parenting time with their children – which grew to more time with their children – which in turn allowed the children’s grandmother and great-grandmother see the children more often. This same participant had not had employment for well over a year and was able to find employment and begin making consistent payments on their support obligation.

Yet another participant began their own painting business and began making consistent payments and also was able to have their parenting time increased.

A major milestone for the ACT program was the October 14, 2021, graduation where Michigan State Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Welch was in attendance and gave introductory remarks for those attending the ceremony. The graduating participants also were given a legislative tribute from the state legislature in recognition of their completion of the ACT program – signed by State Representative Mary Whiteford and State Senator Aric Nesbit. Many agencies and providers were also in attendance – from representatives from Michigan Rehabilitation Services, to Arbor Circle Meth Diversion Program, to probation officers. This graduation put Allegan County’s ACT Program in the spotlight. The participants were able to showcase their hard work in changing their lives for the better and ultimately helping to

positively impact the lives of their children. These are only a few of the successes ACT participants have had in 2021, and we look forward to what 2022 has in store!

**ACT program participant remarks:**

“...being in this program helped me have more time with my children, and allowed my mom and grandma to see my kids...this program didn’t just affect me, but all of us...”

~2021 successful ACT graduate

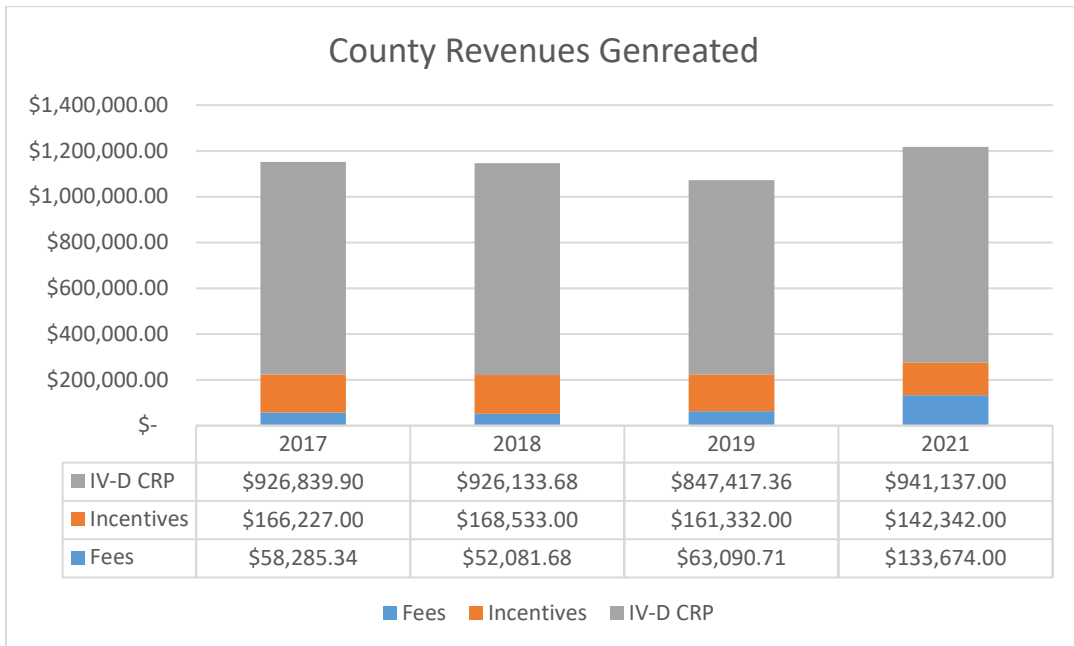
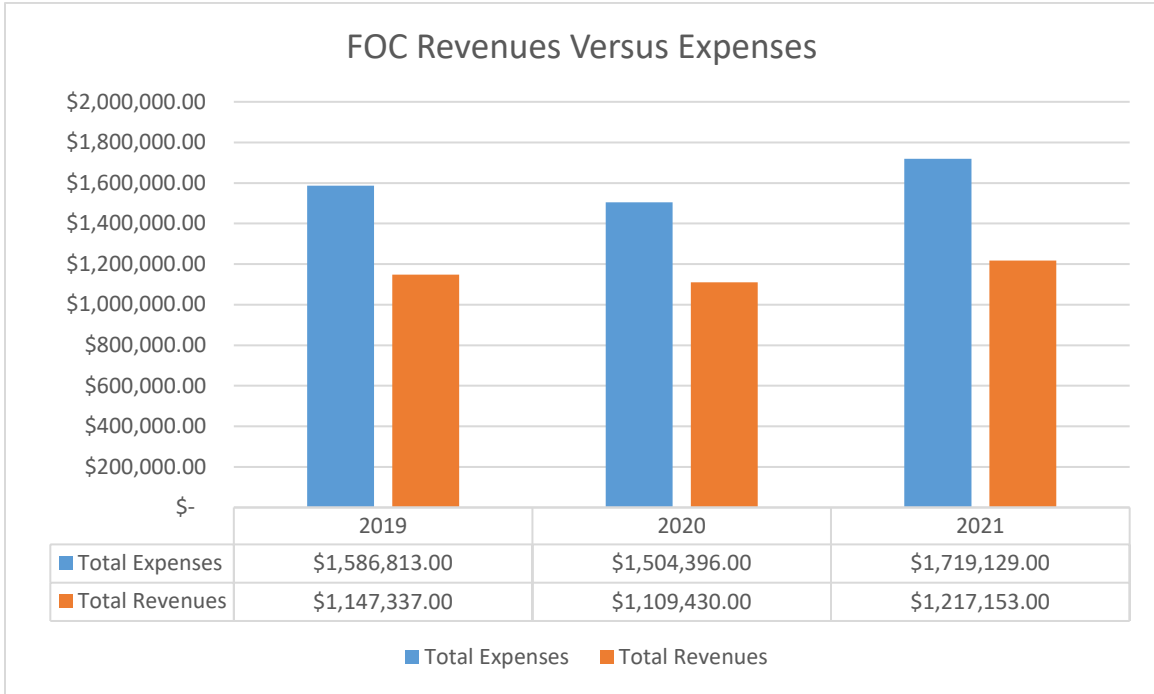
“...I was no longer afraid of going to jail and I finally felt like FOC was listening and helping me get my child support under control....”

~2021 ACT participant

“...I never thought I’d be excited to see the judge—but now I look forward to my ACT review hearings to tell the judge all the good things I have done...”

~2021 ACT participant

# FOC Financials



## Revenue Break Down

1. **IV-D CRP** reflects the revenue for IV-D services. It is the total amount of reimbursement received under the Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) contract. The CRP is a federal payment allocated to the county general fund. This amount is directly related to the amount of expenditures by the FOC Office.
2. **Incentive** reflects the performance-based federal payment allocated to the county general fund. It is the total amount of incentives received pursuant to the federal IV-D program. 42 USC 658A 45 CFR 305.35.
3. **Fee** reflects the statutory collections allocated to the county general fund. It is the total amount of semi-annual service fees, which is \$2.25 received by the county treasurer and not the service fees collected and sent to the state treasurer.

\*\*Please note 2020 was not included due to the state withholding performance incentives during the pandemic\*\*

# FOC Looking Ahead:

## 2022 Goals

**Grow the ACT program** – The Specialized Enforcement Officer will continue to build partnerships with community partners. The Friend of the Court is looking for funding opportunities to provide financial support for this program.

**Regular review of reports to improve performance of incentive factors** – The FOC earns incentive monies for certain performance factors. Currently, the FOC is not earning the maximum incentive amount because the FOC is not meeting some minimum performance measures. The FOC will start reviewing designated reports on a regular basis to ensure that data that is being reported for performance criteria calculations is accurate.

**Employee manuals** – FOC staff work with a multitude of statutes, court rules, policies, forms, and software programs. Employees in different functional areas will begin the process of writing desk aids for various tasks. These written desk aids will be used when training new employees and when staff need to cover job responsibilities for an absent staff member.

**Friend of the Court Bureau (FOCB) recommendations** – The FOC will continue to review and prioritize recommendations the FOCB made in its 2019 Technical Improvement Report for the FOC.

**Adopt and implement a makeup parenting time policy** – Implementing this policy should provide parents with a quicker resolution of disputes surrounding denied parenting time and should also provide FOC staff with a more efficient process for addressing parenting time complaints.

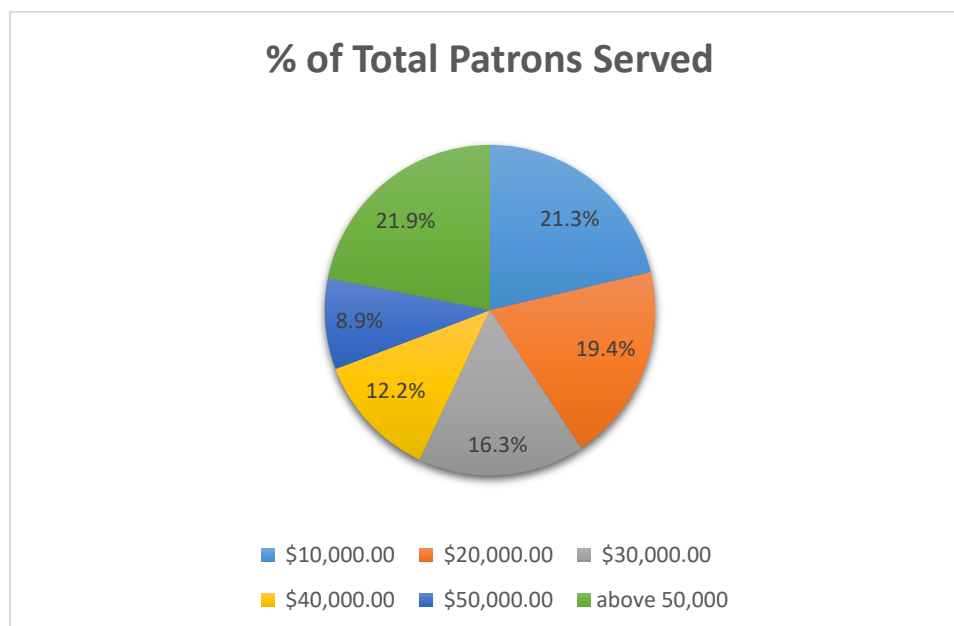
**Implement processes to abate and redirect support** – Michigan statute provides for an administrative process to abate and redirect support in certain circumstances, e.g. payer is incarcerated or incapacitated, child resides with the payer of support, and child resides with a non-parent. Providing notice and an opportunity to object to parents is authorized by statute and is a faster and more efficient process than established practices.

# Allegan County Legal Assistance Center

## “ACLAC”

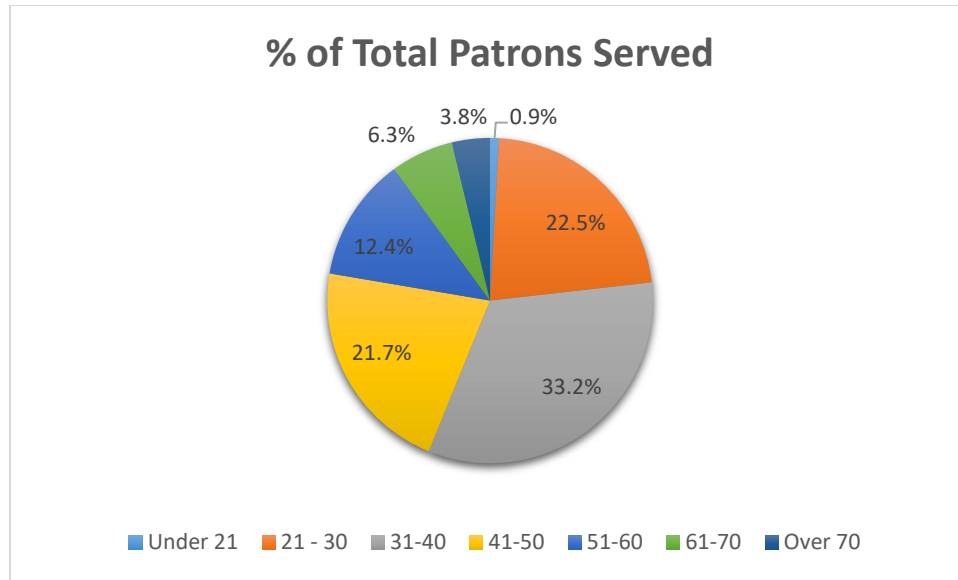
Since opening in July of 2012, the Allegan County Legal Assistance Center has served over **21,500** patrons. As the pandemic continued in 2021, Linda Teeter and staff along with interns and volunteers, assisted **3,102** patrons with legal needs, giving them access to justice when they could not afford an attorney. This is a **70%** increase over the 2,182 patrons assisted during 2020. There is an array of cases processed with the assistance of the part time staff at ACLAC including divorce, custody, guardianship, landlord/tenant, personal protection order petitions, expungements and many more.

Approximately 80% of those who were assisted at ACLAC had incomes of less than \$50,000 per year, with 21.3% earning less than \$10,000 annually. The need for the services of ACLAC are obvious, and not only assist the litigants but also provide increased efficiency for the Courts and resources for our police agencies.

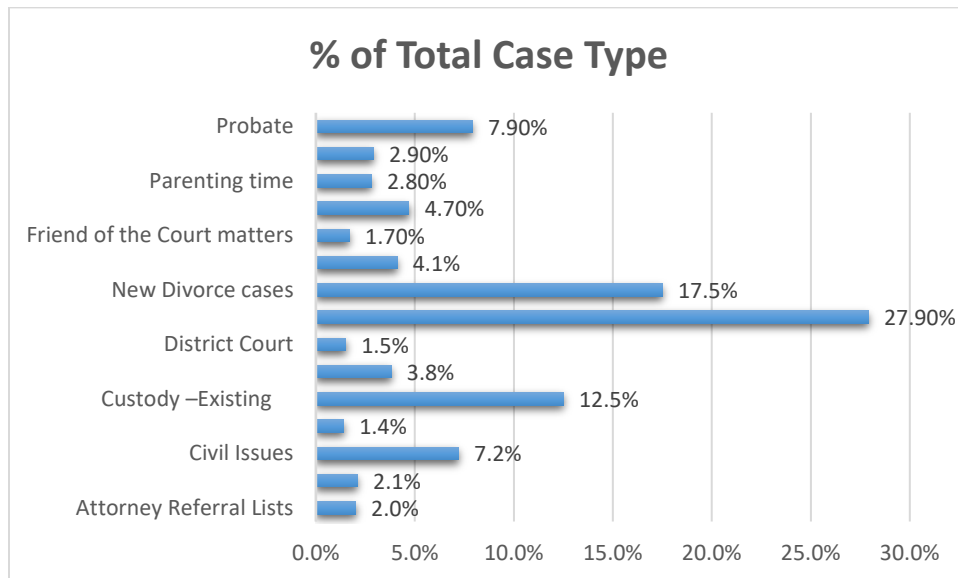




The age of our cliental varies, but the majority are between 21 and 60.



ACLAC covers a variety of case types.



## 2021 ACLAC Highlights

- ACLAC office hours were increased: March 13, 2021 ACLAC hours were extended to include Fridays-: open from 8:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.
- May 1, 2021, Jamie Hernandez was promoted to Associate Director, working 24 hours per week.
- ACLAC welcomed a 3rd part time staff member, September 20th. Part Time Patron Assistant, Maria Bartrem.
- During 2021, ACLAC had 4 interns and 1 volunteer assist ACLAC staff while working with patrons.
- ACLAC staff, volunteers and interns participated in 13 trainings during the year. Also, each new volunteer, intern and staff member attended 10 hours of orientation and training.
- Security procedure(s) training was held 3 times, during the year. Allegan County Courthouse Security Director Greg Berens presented these trainings.

ACLAC appreciates the assistance of the County in their location and hopes to continue to build this resource and provide quality service to the Allegan County community.

ACLAC staff:

Linda Teeter, Director

Jamie Hernandez, Associate Director

Maria Bartrem - Patron Assistant



# 48<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Family Division

There has been a considerable increase in the number of hearings conducted in Family Court over the years. For example, the average number of hearings conducted by the two Referees from 2014-2018 was 946 annually, and has risen to an average of 1,205 annually from 2018-2021. At the end of 2021, Raise the Age legislation took effect, therefore we anticipate that the number of annual hearings will continue to rise.

Family Court and Circuit Court are in the process to work together to provide coverage for court recording, due to an increased number of hearings across both departments. Court reporters in Family Court play a vital role in completing court orders, operating various technology, and serving numerous parties. Despite the increased demand for all three Family Court clerks to act as court recorders, the staff have handled this increase and all other job duties. All three clerk's maintained 100% on-site presence during the pandemic and the success of the increasing demand in family court is mainly due to their hard work and dedication to the families we serve.

Family Court continues to utilize videoconferencing for court hearings, and has seen increased participation on their cases, as well as lessened demands on the families who would otherwise had difficulties attending court due to a lack of transportation, inability to take off work, or a lack of child care.

# Community Probation

## 2021: A Snapshot

### Cumulative Statistics:

<u>Measured Area</u>	<u>Number</u>
Total Cases	93
New Petitions Adjudicated (on current or previous probationers)	9
Probation Violations Adjudicated	30
Community Service Hours Ordered	275
Days Spent at Home	10,964
Days Spent in Detention	269
Days Spent on a Tether	137
Days Spent in Residential Care	1,473
Total Days on Probation	12,611
Number of Children Taking Medication	52 (55.9% of caseload)
Total Number of Contacts Made	5,956
Number of Recidivists	13 (13.9% of caseload)
Number of Repeat Offenders	7 (7.5% of caseload)
Probationers Released During FY	60
Number Released Who Met Goals	48 (80% success rate)

## Average Probationer:

<u>Measured Area</u>	<u>Number</u>
Average Age	14.3
Number of New Petitions Per Case	.09
Number of PV's Per Child	.32
Average Days at Home	118
Average Days in Detention	2.9
Average Days in Residential Care	15.8
Average Days on Probation	137
Average Grade	8 <sup>th</sup>
Average Number of Contacts Per Case	64

## Did You Know?

- The average juvenile on probation in Allegan County is a 14 year-old 8<sup>th</sup> grader.
- On average, about a third of all probationers had his /her probation violated this past year.
- The average probationer spends approximately 2.1% of his/her days on probation in detention and approximately 11.5% of his/her days on probation in residential care.
- Of the children released from probation during the year, approximately 80% were successful in meeting his/her treatment goals.
- Approximately 13.9% of the total caseload includes children who were previously on probation and came back to the court for subsequent offenses.
- Approximately 7.5% of the total caseload includes children who commit new offenses while on probation.
- On average, children on probation are contacted 64 times by his/her probation officer, with 22 of those contacts being face-to-face.
- The average child involved with the court spent approximately 19.5 weeks (or approximately 5 months) on probation.
- Approximately 55.9% of the children who had contact with the court during the previous year were taking prescribed medication.
- The average number of community service hours ordered per case is 3.

\*\*This data is comparable to last year's data, even with the COVID-19 pandemic which prevented face-to-face contact with probationers for nearly 5 months.\*\*

## **A Family Court Success Story: “Samuel”**

Samuel had court contact on three separate occasions, the first of which was for truancy. Samuel’s mother passed away from cancer a few years ago, and his father struggled to raise his children without her. While Samuel’s father loved his three children, he was overwhelmed with a full-time job and his role as a full-time parent while grieving for his wife. This situation left Samuel feeling angry and frustrated. When Samuel first came into the court, he was truant continually, using marijuana, and had a very angry and defiant attitude. With court services and support, he was able to successfully complete probationary period, but the change was not long-lasting. His compliance with court services was minimal, and the dysfunction in Samuel’s family was ongoing.

Samuel’s second court contact was for a retail fraud charge. Samuel had once again fallen into a lifestyle that included skipping school and abusing drugs. Samuel and his family utilized court-offered services, and under the supervision of the probation officer, Samuel was able to turn his life around. Despite his son’s success, Samuel’s father continued to struggle in his attempts at parenting, which gave the court some doubts about long-term change within the family.

Samuel’s third and final court contact was for a domestic violence charge against his father. The court feared that Samuel would continue to make poor choices, but Samuel decided that he wanted to make long-lasting change. He chose to go to school regularly, and he is currently attending an alternative high school where he can work at his own pace with less distractions. Although it took three periods of probation, Samuel is blossoming in his most recent court contact. He started this school year with only three credits, but after hard work, and now has fourteen, which leaves him exactly where he should be with the opportunity to graduate early. Samuel began working out after school, which has greatly helped with his ADHD. His workout regimen has also motivated him to stop using drugs, focusing instead on a healthy lifestyle. Samuel is currently looking for a job and met with a military recruiter to explore further career opportunities. For the first time, Samuel is taking pride in the decisions he is making and is looking forward to his future. Samuel has matured significantly over the course of his court contact, and as a result, he has improved his relationship with his father. He has established healthy relationships within the community and has come to appreciate the support of his probation officer. As his probation comes to a close for the final time, the court can finally say there is hope for Samuel as he is feeling the pride and satisfaction of success that he never felt before.

\*To protect the privacy of the juvenile, all names have been changed.\*



### **Probation Officer Retires After 41 Years (in 2022)**

This year, Charlie DeVries decided to retire from the court. Charlie is a juvenile probation officer with a dedicated 41 years as an employee of the court. Charlie has gifted the court with invaluable experience and dedication, and he has dutifully served the youth and families of Allegan County. With his retirement, the court loses a vast wealth of institutional knowledge, and an incredible employee. Charlie will be greatly missed. The court is grateful for Charlie's commitment to the mission of family court and recognizes the difference Charlie has made in the lives of Allegan County youth throughout his career. Charlie's replacement is Tim DeWit.

# Community Justice Program

Community Justice had another trying year coming back through the Pandemic. The team worked to stay connected with the various programs and families they work with. As caseload numbers increased throughout the year and things started to open back up, programming started to return to normal.

Preventative “Why Try” groups, for at-risk elementary students focusing on resilience and making positive choices, resumed with five groups being completed in various elementary schools, impacting over 50 students. Community Justice Officers were back in the schools supporting the truancy program as well. They were able to meet with clients face to face again, supporting them in and out of the home. Community Service also continued throughout the year, with the team setting up projects and transporting youth to complete their ordered number of hours. Community Justice continued to support the court with various tasks including surveillance of bonds, drug and alcohol screening, adoption studies and in-home surveillance/family support for youth transitioning back into their home post-residential placement.

Over the years, the Community Justice team has built connections and relationships with numerous agencies and departments throughout the county to support them in carrying out their responsibilities with each youth ordered. Whether it be through their work in the school, the home, connecting youth with additional resources, at a community service project or facilitating an educational group, Community Justice’s overall goal is to support and encourage the youth of Allegan County to be safe and effective members of their community. The connections and relationships they have made, help make this possible.

## **WRAPAROUND**

The Community Justice team works closely with Wraparound. Wraparound is a service provided to Community Mental Health (CMH) clients. A caseworker from CMH puts together a team of adults to support identified youth and families to address a multiplicity of service needs. Services can include: mental health intervention, crisis plans, financial support, and referrals to other agencies. The team may consist of teachers, coaches, family members, mentors, volunteers from various churches, wraparound leader and community justice worker, in addition to the identified youth and family member(s). The team meets monthly to review the case, build off the strengths and refer additional services if necessary.

## **MICHIGAN WORKS:**

This past year with the influx of referrals for 17 year olds following Raise the Age legislation taking effect, Community Justice has been working more closely with Michigan

Works than ever before. With this increase, the idea of meeting/completing their educational needs and securing employment is at the top of their to-do list. Michigan Works provides opportunities for getting a GED, interviewing for and gaining employment, and providing transportation. Community Justice provides assistance with attaining state ID's, getting and filling out job applications and providing references.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

Community Service remains a valuable lesson for those involved. Community service opportunities help youth build skills, experience new things, create new interests and build relationships with peers and adults in the community. Staff get an opportunity to teach/see work ethic and some youth have even been able to turn a community service project into a paying job after their ordered hours are completed.

For the past three years, the Allegan County Fairgrounds has been a tremendous resource for Community Justice. We have supported the fairgrounds with painting, seasonal cleanup and cleaning/preparing barns and buildings for various groups and activities. This past summer there were over 20 youth that participated in projects at this site.

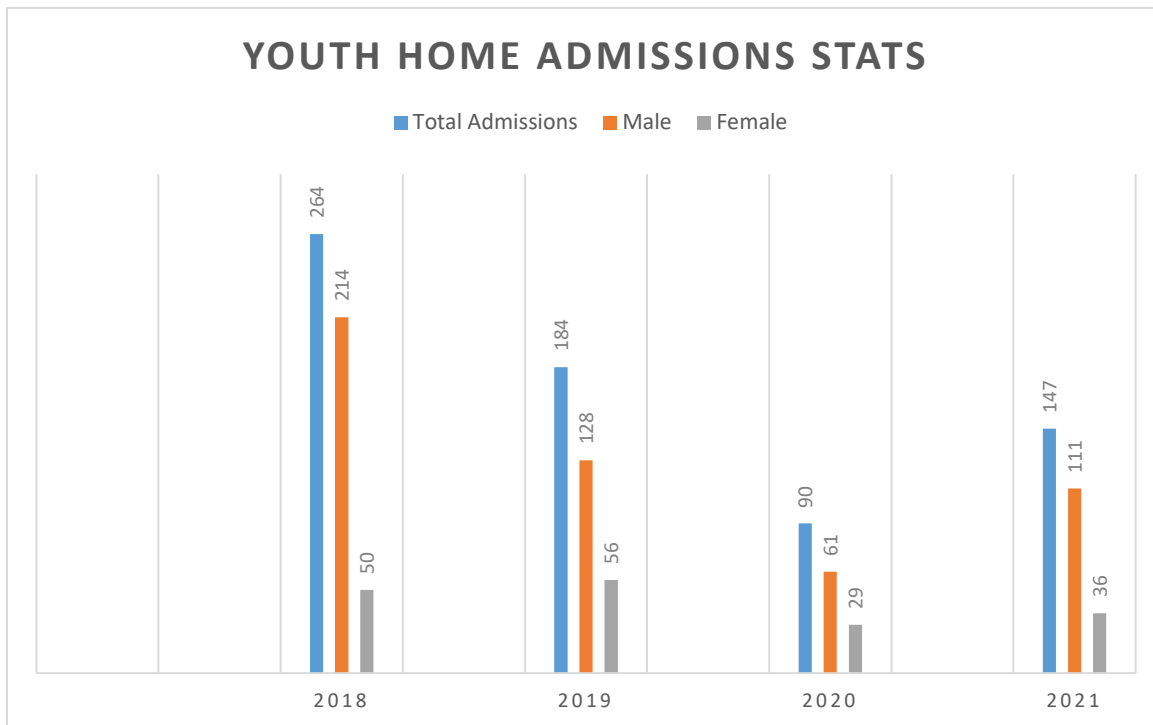
Allegan Transit is another connection that Community Justice had made in the effort to support youth in completing service time. With the staff shortages across the board this past year, they were able to step in and help clean buses so that Allegan County Transportation could continue to run as needed. Approximately 30 hours were completed at this site this past winter.

Projects were also completed with the Allegan County Facilities Department. Community Justice assisted with weeding, grounds clean up and painting inside and outside many of Allegan County's buildings. Approximately 50 hours were dedicated over the spring and summer seasons last year.

The community garden at the youth home continued to be another big project for Community Justice and the youth that work with them. Staff have made connections with Kapteyn Farms and other surrounding greenhouses over the years that have generously provided most of the plants to get the garden going. Over the 2021 season, 15 hours a week were dedicated to this project, with about 30 different youth coming in to water, weed and harvest. The garden not only provides for the kitchen at the youth home, but also to some of the families we work with that are in need. Donations are made every year to the Martin Resource Center and Project Hope in Dorr as well.

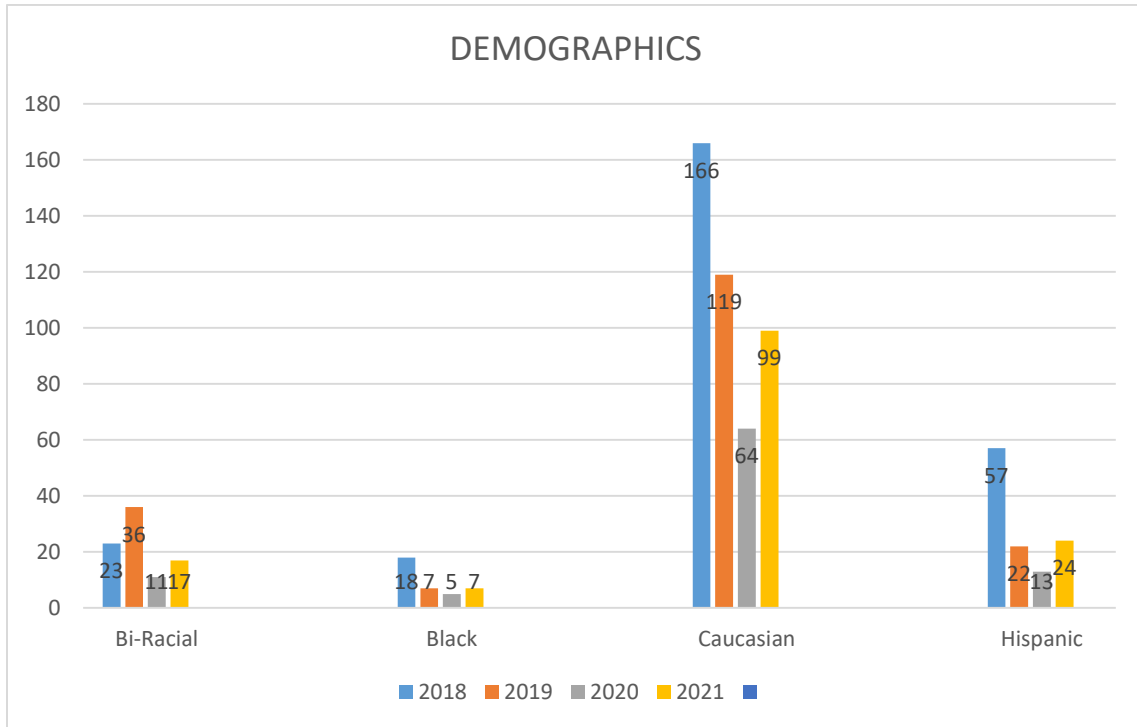
# Juvenile Detention

The Juvenile Detention Center continued operations in 2021, during year two of the pandemic. Health and safety procedures and protocols continued, as the “normal” operations of social distancing, mask wearing, extra cleaning and disinfecting, along with residents’ and staff health screening. During the first eight months of the year detention operated with 3 unfilled positions due to the lower census and the pandemic. The last three months of the year the census began to increase, along with the need to fill positions. Detention filled five positions in 2021 with four hires in the last three months of the year. Detention is currently well staffed with only one regular part-time position open. Detentions’ staff training has been focused on policy and procedures, safety and security (de-escalation training and physical management training), to prepare for the increase number of residents.



Intake admissions location was changed during the pandemic from the front of the building to the rear of the building to decrease the risk of a potentially Covid-19 positive youth walking through a high traffic area. Facilities management contracted to have signs made directing intake traffic to the appropriate location. Health screenings continue to be conducted at point of entry into the building, along with the intake process. This process will continue even when the pandemic is over, due to staff finding the procedure safer, in a more controlled space, and less traffic in the control room office.

For the majority of 2021, only essential personnel were allowed into the facility. Zoom continued to play a major role for resident contacts with: family, court, therapy/doctor appointments, probation/community justice, church, and music therapy. The Zoom hearings continue to be efficient and cost effective given current transportation costs. Zoom meetings may become a regular part of operations moving forward in detention.



**Programming:**

The juvenile detention staff continued to do a tremendous job managing the changes and restrictions in the second year of the pandemic. Each day residents begin their day at 6:45am and it ends at 9pm every day of the week. Staff continued to provide a variety of learning activities for the residents such as leading Why Try and Anger Management groups, various team activities, and a couple new games such as pickle-ball and corn hole toss. Detention and Community Justice staff planted, maintained, and harvested two gardens this year, giving the residents hands-on learning opportunities. Produce was used by the kitchen and donated to local agencies.

**School:**

Residents attend school Monday through Friday. Outlook Academy staff continue to teach the four main areas of math, science, language arts, and history. Detention staff support

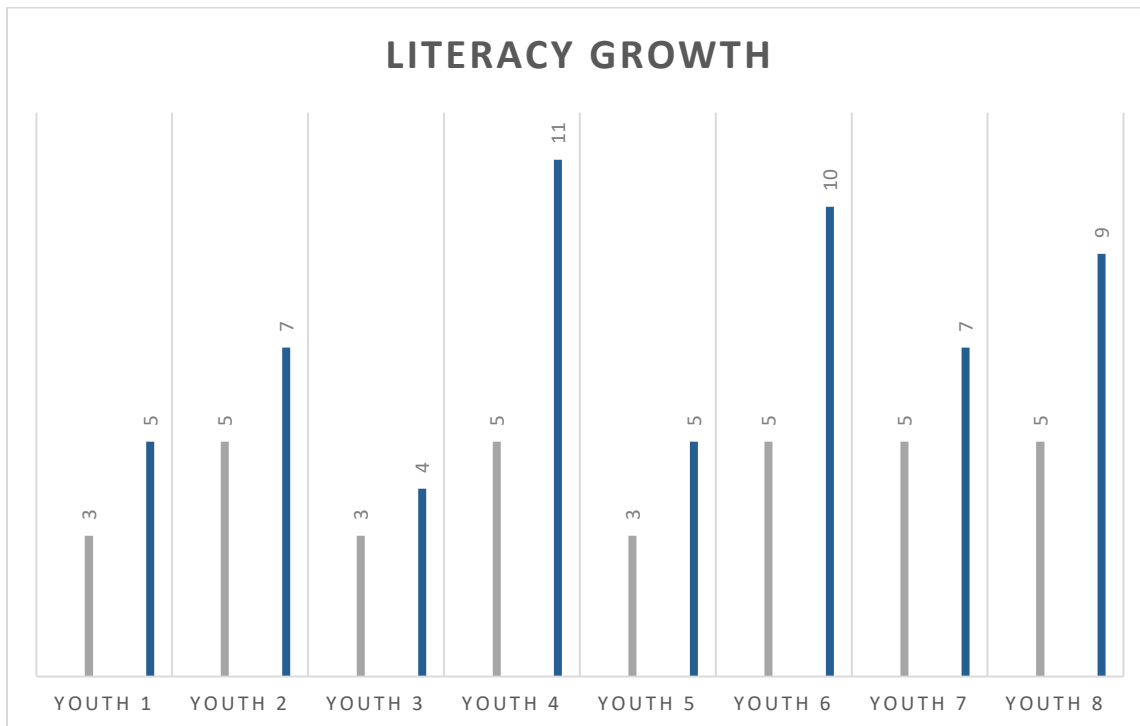
the school program both in the classroom and on the dayroom helping residents' with their G.E.D. courses, school work from their home district, and those in need of one on one support. Detention had three residents complete the G.E.D. in 2021. Detention staff provided structured summer programming for the residents including: hands-on activities, gym class, various groups, book clubs, and computer based classes.

Following the school day the residents are given thirty minutes of free time before the after school learning continues. Book club and writing activities are directed by our reading interventionists. There are a variety of topics and opportunities for residents to share their writing with the group. Staff will then lead small book clubs based on the residents reading level. Below is an example of a writing prompt response.

**Writing Prompt – What beauty do you see around you?**

Student response:

*“The beauty I find around me that I appreciate is the teachers and staff. I say that because they treat me fair and nice which makes me feel okay with this environment. That is important to me because if they treated me the opposite of that I’d freak out every day and be in lots of trouble. Even though I can’t really see the beautiful smiles of staff and teachers due to covid masks, I know they’re there. Smiling faces and joyful people always rub off on me. A beautiful personality makes whoever a great person”.*





## **Saying Goodbye, Director Retires After 42 years**

It is with mixed emotions to announce the retirement of Robin Lyons. Robin's last day working for Allegan County was March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022. Robin has been an integral part of the Juvenile Court and has lead the Juvenile Center for the last 42 years. Robin began her career as a college student working as a call-in for detention. Following college Robin was hired full-time and quickly advanced into the Detention Director position. Robin's role was expanded to Director of Detention and Community Resources with the addition of the Community Justice program in 1999. Robin's Community Justice Team took on several new roles as case managers, after hours surveillance, elementary truancy, adoption studies, community service supervision, and conducting Why Try groups in surrounding community schools.

Robin's contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work and commitment to youth and families were always a priority. Robin was an active board member for many years for the "Challenge of Children" annual conference at Hope College. The conference provided free educational resources to families and professionals across Allegan and Ottawa counties. Her love of reading and understanding the impact that literacy skills can have, has made literacy a priority in daily detention programming. This was seen with book clubs for residents, as well as book clubs for staff in order to increase professional development. Residents continue to make significant progress in their reading levels.

Robin's dedication to Allegan County, the Juvenile Court, various agencies, her staff, and all the residents and families she worked with over the years will be missed. A number of qualities that will be greatly missed will be her leadership, kindness, loyalty, humility, and optimism. These qualities were always displayed by the value she placed in relationships with everyone that she interacted with. We wish Robin the best in the next chapter of her life enjoying her grandchildren and traveling.

# Cheever Treatment Center



*“Every day is an opportunity to make a difference.” Aida Cefo - Cheever Staff*

Leadership at Cheever has, and continues to, allow staff to believe in the quote above. As leadership changed in 2021, and we continue to find our “new normal” among the pandemic, the thing that has stayed consistent is staff’s overall commitment to the residents and families we serve. Whether it be an individual passion of staff that they pass on to a resident, a skill they have mastered to support families and residents through conflict, or the relationships they have built with each other, our staff are, and continue to be, the greatest asset Cheever has to offer!

## **Life is One Big Transition**

Throughout life we experience significant moments of change. This past year, the staff at Cheever have experienced one of those moments. Our beloved director of 33 years, Ted Reimer, retired. Ted’s time at Cheever was driven by a passion to surround himself with people who would lift the program up. Ted allowed staff to utilize their passions and interests to build relationships with the residents in the program. The ability to build these relationships is what allows staff to teach Choice Theory. Choice Theory teachings empower residents to have more effective control of their lives. Ted’s legacy is defined by empowering staff to influence hundreds of Allegan County’s youth and their families, thus, creating safety within their homes, schools and the community at large. As of November 2021, Jodi Langlois assumed the leadership role as the new director at Cheever Treatment Center. Jodi made the internal move from supervisor to director, having supported Cheever as a supervisor for the past 15 years, with 21 years overall experience with the program. Though leadership changed, the program’s goal remains the same. We will continue to focus on providing quality treatment to those we serve.

## **The Vision Lived Out: Cheever Staff**

Over the years, Cheever has assembled a staff with different educational and personal backgrounds. This provides the strong foundation that is Cheever Treatment Center. Cheever employs 14 staff. The educational degrees staff have range from bachelor degrees in criminal justice, psychology, social work, English, and ministry to master's degrees in social work and counseling psychology.

Staff also bring diversity in personal interests. These interests include research, analytical skills, recreational activities, teaching, backpacking, fishing, weight lifting, and exposure to new experiences and hobbies. Although every staff brings in a unique skillset, there exists a common thread. That thread being that everyone has a passion for the clients and families we serve, to lead better lives after their time with us.

### **Some of the ways staff did that in 2021**

- ★ they led 288 team meetings to review goals and progress
- ★ they facilitated 576 family meetings to support residents in teaching their families what they are learning at Cheever
- ★ supported residents with approximately 200 medical appointments
- ★ supported families for over 1,300 hours through phone conversations and in home surveillance to help manage conflicts and concerns that arise in the home
- ★ they led over 150 weight lifting sessions and many other physical activities
- ★ supervised over 100 Community Service outings within Allegan County
- ★ engaged with residents through playing endless hours of board games and puzzle making
- ★ supported each other through a difficult year of death, illness, childbirth, pandemic stress and anxiety

### **Staff thoughts**

- Terri Sharrar - 24 years - is proud to be a part of Cheever, prides herself on being a leader and role model to clients and new staff.
- John Arens - 13 years - believes he has been blessed to be a part of a unique and special program. He has utilized his skills in teaching Balanced and Restorative Justice, Focus Group, and the substance abuse group. John feels valued and has been encouraged to find ways to incorporate his passions into the programming at Cheever.

- Krystal Skinner - 7 years - believes it is a privilege to work with the troubled youth of Allegan County. She is proud of the work that the residents and staff complete. Krystal appreciates working with amazing coworkers, developing long lasting relationships, and knowing that her job is making a difference.

- Charles Wolgamood - 5 years - what brings Charles to work each day is knowing so many of our kids haven't had a chance to learn and grow into the kids they could/should be, and being able to try to provide guidance and help with this is something he cares about.



Overall, staff have identified: the improvement they experience residents making, the relationships they build with residents and staff, and the positive work environment at Cheever; as the reasons they enjoy working at Cheever.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**FINANCE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 6/3/22 & 6/10/22; and

**WHEREAS**, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, said claims are listed in the 2022 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

June 3, 2022

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	126,962.32	126,962.32	
Park/Recreation Fund - 208	267.75	267.75	
Friend of the Court Fund - 215	100.00	100.00	
Health Department Fund - 221	26,094.15	26,094.15	
Multi Agency Collaborative Committee - 245	523.83	523.83	
Palisades Fund - 257	150.42	150.42	
Indigent Defense - 260	323.04	323.04	
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund - 261	4,905.11	4,905.11	
Justice Training Fund - P.A.302, 1982 - 266	400.00	400.00	
Law Library Fund - 269	2,272.12	2,272.12	
Grants - 279	9,416.74	9,416.74	
Transportation Grant - 288	6,318.84	6,318.84	
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 292	4,883.56	4,883.56	
Soldiers Relief Fund - 293	1,272.28	1,272.28	
Senior Millage - 298	1,085.77	1,085.77	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	266,035.00	266,035.00	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 516	897.28	897.28	
Fleet Management - 661	633.15	633.15	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	375,772.42	375,772.42	
Drain Fund - 801	1,222,709.06	1,222,709.06	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$2,051,022.84</b>	<b>\$2,051,022.84</b>	

June 10, 2022

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	183,626.28	183,626.28	
GASB 84 - 108	365,713.49	365,713.49	
Park/Recreation Fund - 208	5,266.32	5,266.32	
Friend of the Court - Coop. Reimb. - 215	145.13	145.13	
Health Department Fund - 221	32,756.02	32,756.02	
Brownfield Redevelopment Auth. - 243	3,945.15	3,945.15	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	28,692.08	28,692.08	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	7,249.22	7,249.22	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund - 264	1,425.00	1,425.00	
Grants - 279	5,058.95	5,058.95	
Crime Victims Rights Grant - 280	46.37	46.37	
Transportation Fund - 288	29,175.54	29,175.54	
Child Care Fund - 292	31,654.54	31,654.54	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	1,136.71	1,136.71	
Senior Services Fund - 298	740.99	740.99	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	17,025.20	17,025.20	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	33,299.80	33,299.80	
CIP - Youth Home Building Fund - 492	101,706.75	101,706.75	
Central Dispatch CIP - 496	20,022.67	20,022.67	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 516	4,440.33	4,440.33	
Tax Reversion - 620	63.78	63.78	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	298.52	298.52	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool - 661	196.80	196.80	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	14,619.56	14,619.56	
Drain Fund - 801	48,246.96	48,246.96	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$936,552.16</b>	<b>\$936,552.16</b>	

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 6/3/22, 6/10/22 and interfund transfers.

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES: PRIORITIZATION OF STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS**

**WHEREAS**, Midwest Strategy requested the Board of Commissioners (Board) rank the County's strategic focus areas within three categories:

- HIGH - will receive a specific plan to move forward; these are the areas the advocate will spend the majority of time on,
- MEDIUM - the advocate can support through other associations in a public fashion,
- LOW - the advocate will only monitor, and give a report on any movement or changes; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2022, individual Commissioners ranked the eleven focus areas and the results were tallied and shared back with the Board.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board approves the priority ranking of strategic focus areas for Midwest Strategy (advocate):

Survey Results	RANKING		
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	1		
Broadband	2		
Water quality and availability	3		
Debt Elimination	4		
Public Health	5		
Facility and Road Planning/Construction (Infrastructure)		6	
Transportation Services		7	
Public Safety and Criminal Justice		8	
Brownfield Properties			9
Placement of an additional Circuit Court Judge			10
Parks and Recreation			11

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY—RELEASE**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2022, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) authorized the County Administrator to negotiate and sign contract documents, purchasing the services of the Polco National Research Center, Inc., 8001 Terrance Ave. Middleton, WI 53562; and

**WHEREAS**, a workgroup consisting of the individuals listed below developed the final draft National Community Survey with Polco National Research Center:

Jim Storey, Board of Commissioners Chairperson

Frank Baker, Sheriff

Dan Wedge, Executive Director of Services

Angelique Joynes, Health Officer

Sherry Owens, Director Senior and Veterans

Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager

Mark Witte, Director ACCMH (funding)

Lisa Evans, Allegan County Community Action (funding)

Amanda Telgenhof, United Way (funding)

William Brown, Allegan Area Educational Service Agency  
(funding)

Michael Kiella, Community Representative.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Board approves the release of the survey; as presented.





June 2022

Dear Allegan County Resident:

Please help us shape the future of Allegan County! You have been selected at random to participate in the 2022 Allegan County Community Survey. **If you've already completed the survey online, thank you. Please do not respond twice.**

Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey. Your participation in this survey is very important—especially since your household is one of only a small number being surveyed. Your feedback will help Allegan County make decisions that affect our County.

**A few things to remember:**

- **Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.**
- In order to hear from a diverse group of residents, the adult 18 years or older in your household who most recently had a birthday should complete this survey.
- **You may return the survey by mail in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or you can complete the survey online at:**

**<https://polco.us/xxplaceholder>**

**Please do not share your survey link.** This survey is for randomly selected households only. The County will conduct a separate survey that is open to all residents just a few weeks from now.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call 269-686-5150.

For community updates and additional information, please go to [www.allegancounty.org/Communitysurvey](http://www.allegancounty.org/Communitysurvey)

Thank you for your time and participation!

Sincerely,

Jim Storey  
Board Chairperson

# Allegan County 2022 Community Survey

Please complete this survey if you are the adult (age 18 or older) in the household who most recently had a birthday (the year of birth does not matter). Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

## 1. Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Allegan County.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Allegan County as a place to live .....	1	2	3	4	5
Your neighborhood as a place to live .....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County as a place to raise children .....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County as a place to work.....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County as a place to visit.....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County as a place to retire.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall quality of life in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of community.....	1	2	3	4	5

## 2. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Allegan County as a whole.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall economic health of Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall design or layout of Allegan County's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Allegan County (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband).....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of natural environment in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Residents' connection and engagement with their community .....	1	2	3	4	5

## 3. Please indicate how likely or unlikely you are to do each of the following.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Recommend living in Allegan County to someone who asks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Remain in Allegan County for the next five years.....	1	2	3	4	5

## 4. Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:

	<u>Very safe</u>	<u>Somewhat safe</u>	<u>Neither safe nor unsafe</u>	<u>Somewhat unsafe</u>	<u>Very unsafe</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
In your neighborhood during the day.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
In Allegan County's downtown/commercial area during the day .....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From property crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From violent crime.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
From fire, flood, or other natural disaster .....	1	2	3	4	5	6

## 5. Please rate the job you feel the Allegan County community does at each of the following.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Making all residents feel welcome .....	1	2	3	4	5
Attracting people from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Valuing/respecting residents from diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5
Taking care of vulnerable residents (elderly, disabled, homeless, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5

## 6. Please rate each of the following in the Allegan County community.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Allegan County....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of business and service establishments in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Vibrancy of downtown/commercial area .....	1	2	3	4	5
Employment opportunities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping opportunities .....	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of living in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall image or reputation of Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5

**7. Please also rate each of the following in the Allegan County community.**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Traffic flow on major streets.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of public parking.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by car in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by public transportation in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of travel by bicycle in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ease of walking in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned residential growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-planned commercial growth.....	1	2	3	4	5
Well-designed neighborhoods.....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of the historical or cultural character of the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public places where people want to spend time.....	1	2	3	4	5
Variety of housing options.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality housing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall quality of new development in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall appearance of Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Water resources (beaches, lakes, ponds, riverways, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Air quality.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of paths and walking trails.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fitness opportunities (including exercise classes and paths or trails, etc.)...	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality food.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of preventive health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality mental health care.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend cultural/arts/music activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Community support for the arts.....	1	2	3	4	5
Availability of affordable quality childcare/preschool.....	1	2	3	4	5
K-12 education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Adult educational opportunities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of civic/community pride.....	1	2	3	4	5
Neighborliness of residents in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in social events and activities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to attend special events and festivals.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to volunteer.....	1	2	3	4	5
Opportunities to participate in community matters.....	1	2	3	4	5
Openness and acceptance of the community toward people of diverse backgrounds.....	1	2	3	4	5

**8. Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.**

	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Contacted Allegan County (in-person, phone, email, or web) for help or information.....	1	2
Contacted Allegan County elected officials (in-person, phone, email, or web) to express your opinion....	1	2
Attended a local public meeting (of local elected officials like City Council or County Commissioners, advisory boards, town halls, HOA, neighborhood watch, etc.).....	1	2
Watched a local public meeting on-line (Zoom or YouTube).....	1	2
Volunteered your time to some group/activity in Allegan County.....	1	2
Campaigned or advocated for a local issue, cause, or candidate.....	1	2
Voted in your most recent local election.....	1	2
Used bus, rail, subway, or other public transportation instead of driving.....	1	2
Carpooled with other adults or children instead of driving alone.....	1	2
Walked or biked instead of driving.....	1	2

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## 9. Please rate the quality of each of the following services in Allegan County.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Public information services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Economic development.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic enforcement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic signal timing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street repair.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street cleaning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Street lighting.....	1	2	3	4	5
Snow removal.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sidewalk maintenance.....	1	2	3	4	5
Bus or transit services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Land use, planning, and zoning.....	1	2	3	4	5
Code enforcement (weeds, abandoned buildings, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Affordable high-speed internet access.....	1	2	3	4	5
Garbage collection.....	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking water.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sewer services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Storm water management (storm drainage, dams, levees, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Power (electric and/or gas) utility.....	1	2	3	4	5
Utility billing.....	1	2	3	4	5
Sheriff services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Crime prevention.....	1	2	3	4	5
Animal control.....	1	2	3	4	5
Ambulance or emergency medical services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Fire prevention and education.....	1	2	3	4	5
Emergency preparedness (services that prepare the community for natural disasters or other emergency situations).....	1	2	3	4	5
Preservation of natural areas (open space, farmlands, and greenbelts).....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County open space.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recycling.....	1	2	3	4	5
Yard waste pick-up.....	1	2	3	4	5
County parks.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation programs or classes.....	1	2	3	4	5
Recreation centers or facilities.....	1	2	3	4	5
Health services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Public library services.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall customer service by Allegan County employees (Sheriff, receptionists, planners, etc.).....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County Senior Service.....	1	2	3	4	5
Allegan County Veteran Services.....	1	2	3	4	5

## 10. Please rate the following categories of Allegan County government performance.

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
The value of services for the taxes paid to Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4	5
The overall direction that Allegan County is taking.....	1	2	3	4	5
The job Allegan County government does at welcoming resident involvement.....	1	2	3	4	5
Overall confidence in Allegan County government.....	1	2	3	4	5
Generally acting in the best interest of the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being honest.....	1	2	3	4	5
Being open and transparent to the public.....	1	2	3	4	5
Informing residents about issues facing the community.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating all residents fairly.....	1	2	3	4	5
Treating residents with respect.....	1	2	3	4	5

**11. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the services provided by each of the following?**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4	5
The Federal Government .....	1	2	3	4	5
Your local government (City, Village, or Township) .....	1	2	3	4	5
The State Government .....	1	2	3	4	5

**12. Please rate how important, if at all, you think it is for the Allegan County community to focus on each of the following in the coming two years.**

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>
Overall economic health of Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the transportation system (auto, bicycle, foot, bus) in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall design or layout of Allegan County's residential and commercial areas (e.g., homes, buildings, streets, parks, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of the utility infrastructure in Allegan County (water, sewer, storm water, electric/gas, broadband) .....	1	2	3	4
Overall feeling of safety in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of natural environment in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall quality of parks and recreation opportunities .....	1	2	3	4
Overall health and wellness opportunities in Allegan County .....	1	2	3	4
Overall opportunities for education, culture, and the arts .....	1	2	3	4
Residents' connection and engagement with their community .....	1	2	3	4

**13. How much of a problem, if at all, do you think the following issues are in Allegan County?**

	<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Moderate problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Animal problems (animals running at large, barking dogs) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic problems (e.g., residential speeding, aggressive drivers) .....	1	2	3	4	5
School safety (e.g., bullying, fighting, or weapons) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Domestic violence (adult) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Sexual assault/rape (adult) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Elder abuse and financial crimes against the elderly .....	1	2	3	4	5
Driving under the influence (i.e., alcohol or drugs) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Underage drinking .....	1	2	3	4	5
Drug abuse (e.g., manufacture, sale, or use of illegal/prescription drugs) .....	1	2	3	4	5

**14. Overall, how would you rate each of the following in Allegan County?**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
High quality, affordable infant care .....	1	2	3	4	5
High quality, affordable toddler care .....	1	2	3	4	5
High quality, affordable preschool care .....	1	2	3	4	5
Available childcare that meets my regular scheduling needs .....	1	2	3	4	5
Available childcare that meets my irregular scheduling needs (e.g., during school breaks or evenings/weekends) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Assistance available to meet families with young children basic needs 0-5 years old for those who need it (e.g., diapers, formula, etc.) .....	1	2	3	4	5
Services available to support families with young children 0-5 years old (e.g., Early-on, Headstart, 20 Hands, Mental Health) .....	1	2	3	4	5

**15. Please indicate how much of a source, if at all, you consider each of the following to be for obtaining information about the County government and its activities, events and services:**

	<u>Major source</u>	<u>Minor source</u>	<u>Not a source</u>
County Meeting online (Zoom or YouTube) .....	1	2	3
Local newspapers .....	1	2	3
County website (allegancounty.org) .....	1	2	3
County email notifications .....	1	2	3
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) .....	1	2	3
County communications via U.S. mail .....	1	2	3
Talking with County officials or County staff, or attending public meetings .....	1	2	3
Word of mouth .....	1	2	3

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16. If you had a choice, which housing option would you prefer? Then, please tell us which is your current housing situation.

	Strongly prefer	Somewhat prefer	Do not prefer	Current situation
Own a house.....	1	2	3	<input type="radio"/>
Rent a house.....	1	2	3	<input type="radio"/>
Own a condominium.....	1	2	3	<input type="radio"/>
Rent an apartment.....	1	2	3	<input type="radio"/>
Own a mobile home.....	1	2	3	<input type="radio"/>
Rent a mobile home.....	1	2	3	<input type="radio"/>

17. If you had a choice, would you prefer to keep your current housing situation?

- No                       Yes                       Don't know

18. If you were considering a move within Allegan County, how much a barrier, if any, would each of the following be in your decision to move?

	Major barrier	Somewhat of barrier	Not a barrier	N/A
I can't find housing that is affordable in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4
I can't find housing that is large enough/meets my sizing needs in Allegan County.....	1	2	3	4
Cost of moving (hiring movers, transport, etc.).....	1	2	3	4
I can't get out of my lease.....	1	2	3	4
I can't sell my house.....	1	2	3	4

19. Do you currently subscribe to internet at home?

- No (Skip to question 23)                       Yes (Go to question 20, skip question 23)

20. If yes, please tell us how you access internet at home. (Select all that apply)

- Cable     DSL     Fiber     Satellite     Fixed wireless     Cell phone     Mobile Hotspot

21. If yes, please tell us how you use the internet at home. (Select all that apply)

- School     Work     Video conferencing     Tele-medicine     Home monitoring     Video/TV streaming

22. If yes, please tell us of any challenges with internet in your home: (Select all that apply)

- Cost     Reliability     Too slow     None

23. If no, please tell us why:

- Not available     Cost     Do not want it

24. In general, when considering recycling:

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	Don't know
Is recycling and materials management important to you?.....	1	2	3	4	5
Are you satisfied with the recycling services available to you?.....	1	2	3	4	5
How convenient is it for you to dispose of household hazardous waste?.....	1	2	3	4	5
Are you willing to pay more for increased recycling services (e.g., the ability to recycle a wider variety of materials, more frequent pickups, etc.)?.....	1	2	3	4	5

Our last questions are about you and your household.

Again, all of your responses to this survey are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

D1. In general, how many times do you:

	Several times a day	Once a day	A few times a week	Every few weeks	Less often or never	Don't know
Access the internet from your home using a computer, laptop, or tablet computer.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Access the internet from your cell phone.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Visit social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc. ....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use or check email.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Share your opinions online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shop online.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
Use the internet to work from home.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

**D2. Please rate your overall health.**

- Excellent     Very good     Good     Fair     Poor

**D3. What impact, if any, do you think the economy will have on your family income in the next 6 months? Do you think the impact will be:**

- Very positive     Somewhat positive     Neutral     Somewhat negative     Very negative

**D4. How many years have you lived in Allegan County?**

- Less than 2 years  
 2-5 years  
 6-10 years  
 11-20 years  
 More than 20 years

**D5. Which best describes the building you live in?**

- One family house detached from any other houses  
 Building with two or more homes (duplex, townhome, apartment, or condominium)  
 Mobile home  
 Other

**D6. Do you rent or own your home?**

- Rent  
 Own

**D7. About how much is your monthly housing cost for the place you live (including rent, mortgage payment, property tax, property insurance, and homeowners' association (HOA) fees)?**

- Less than \$500     \$2,000 to \$2,499  
 \$500 to \$999     \$2,500 to \$2,999  
 \$1,000 to \$1,499     \$3,000 to \$3,499  
 \$1,500 to \$1,999     \$3,500 or more

**D8. Please indicate how many people in each age range live in your household**

Number of children age 0-5: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children age 6-17: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults age 18 or over: \_\_\_\_\_

**D9. Are you or any other members of your household aged 65 or older?**

- No     Yes

**D10. How much do you anticipate your household's total income before taxes will be for the current year? (Please include in your total income money from all sources for all persons living in your household.)**

- Less than \$25,000     \$65,000 to \$99,999  
 \$25,000 to \$49,999     \$100,000 to \$149,999  
 \$50,000 to \$64,999     \$150,000 or more

**D11. Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?**

- No, not Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino  
 Yes, I consider myself to be Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino

**D12. What is your race? (Mark one or more races to indicate what race you consider yourself to be.)**

- American Indian or Alaskan Native  
 Asian, Asian Indian, or Pacific Islander  
 Black or African American  
 White  
 Other

**D13. In which category is your age?**

- 18-24 years     55-59 years  
 25-34 years     60-64 years  
 35-44 years     65-74 years  
 45-54 years     75 years or older

**D14. What is your gender?**

- Female  
 Male  
 Identify in another way

**D15. What is your employment status?**

- Working full time for pay  
 Working part time for pay  
 Unemployed, looking for paid work  
 Unemployed, not looking for paid work  
 Fully retired

**D16. Do you work inside the boundaries of Allegan County?**

- Yes, outside the home  
 Yes, from home  
 No

**D17. What is the highest grade of school or year of college that you have completed?**

- Grade school  
 High school degree or GED  
 Some college/Associate's degree  
 Bachelor's degree  
 Post-bachelor's degree/Graduate degree

**Thank you!** Please return the completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to:  
**National Research Center, Inc., PO Box 549, Belle Mead, NJ 08502**

Dear Allegan County Resident,

It won't take much of your time to make a big difference!

Your household has been randomly selected to participate in Allegan County's 2022 Community Survey. You can go online and complete the **confidential survey** at:

**<https://polco.us/xxplaceholder>**

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For community updates and additional information, please go to

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Thank you for helping create a better County!

Sincerely,



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## MEMORANDUM

May 12, 2022

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**RE:** **Broadband and Legislative Items**

### **1. Broadband Action Workgroup (BAW) and County project team**

The County project team and the BAW are developing the County-wide request for proposal (RFP) document. There is a great spirit of collaboration towards increasing internet access for residents. During the last BAW meeting a question was briefly asked whether the County's RFP can provide a scoring advantage to award bids for more vendors within a given area as opposed to a single bid that may be County-wide or for a large area bid (with the theory being creation of long-term competition within the market but potentially endangering an open bid process). In reviewing our processes, policies (and funding requirements), Board discussions and past practice, unless I hear different from the Board, I will be letting the BAW know that method of evaluation is not an option based on the County's purchasing policy which includes the following provisions:

“When the County assumes administrative responsibility for the particular product or service being cooperatively purchased, it shall conduct its purchasing operations according to the principles of open competition.”

“Specifications should also promote competition. By encouraging competition, the County will be provided with alternatives and the assurance that it will obtain the lowest possible price for the goods or services required.”

Based on these principles, the specifications should be developed to evaluate the factors that give us the best indicators for results (timelines, customer service experience, cost, etc.) and the best qualified and lowest cost bidders should surface whether it be to a single bidder or multiple bidders (understanding we are not obligated to award lowest bid providing there is rationale). The process ensures open competition to bid.

### **2. Broadband Legislation**

Legislation relating to Broadband programs and funding continue to develop (e.g. SB970). I am requesting authorization to work with Midwest Strategy Group to advocate for language that would, in general, ensure counties have the option to either 1) apply for funding directly, 2) apply in conjunction with or on behalf of providers, or 3) have providers within the County apply directly to the state for funding (no county responsibilities).

### 3. FOIA Legislation

I am requesting authorization to work with Midwest Strategy Group to assist the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in opposing the following FOIA changes and taking any direct measures to oppose these legislative changes: (changes and analysis below provided by MAC)

#### **Tell your House member to oppose FOIA changes**

Legislation that alters the Freedom of Information Act in ways detrimental to county government will be up before a House committee this week. MAC needs your voice to urge the House to set aside this ill-advised package.

[House Bill 5921](#), by Rep. Steve Johnson (R-Kent), limits the reason for FOIA request denial to only the ones(s) stated in the beginning. This amendment could have the unintended consequences of releasing protected records if someone didn't catch the right exemption the first time and could potentially force a local agency to violate other laws. MAC anticipates an amendment that will also require a \$500 penalty payable to the requestor should a public body deny a request for the wrong reason.

[House Bill 5923](#), by Rep. Greg VanWoerkom (R-Muskegon), requires the public body to acknowledge that exempt records exist and provide a description of the record. These amendments will likely require public bodies to consult legal counsel in each record request denial. In addition, this change has the potential of exposing private information that the law was originally intended to protect, especially in cases of mental health allegations, sexual assault allegations, legal opinions and law enforcement investigations, these disclosure requirements undermine the intent of the privacy exemptions.

[House Bill 5924](#), by Rep. Andrew Fink (R-Hillsdale), requires that a record in the possession of outside legal counsel be considered in the possession of the public body. This amendment blurs the line over what is FOIA-able in an outside legal practice.

[House Bill 5925](#), by Rep. Bryan Posthumus (R-Kent), allows for civil actions regarding the determination of whether the record is considered primarily for the public benefit and therefore should not be subject to fees for compiling the record. Again, these amendments would open the floodgates of litigation against public bodies, especially by the press who would claim public benefit for every request. Then the public body would likely have to absorb the entire cost of fulfilling these requests to avoid litigation.



Robert J. Sarro

## S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**2022 MILLAGE LEVY - SET COUNTY MILLAGE RATES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State Law (MCL 141.412 and 141.413), a notice of a public hearing concerning the 2022 County Budget was published in the Allegan County News, a newspaper of general circulation, on September 30, 2021 and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on October 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation on October 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, having held said hearing, the Board has determined the levy of said proposed millage to be in the best interests of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Senior Services millage renewal is scheduled for the August 2, 2022 election.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board hereby approves the following millages to be levied throughout the County of Allegan in the year of 2022:

County Operating Tax	5.1272
Allocated - Veterans Relief Fund	<u>0.0200</u>
TOTAL COUNTY OPERATING	<u>5.1472</u>
COUNTY ROAD TAX	0.9654
SENIOR SERVICES	0.0000
MEDICAL CARE FACILITY	0.2448
ALLEGAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	<u>0.0979</u>
TOTAL COUNTY MILLAGE	<u>6.4553</u>

**FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.



## S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – FACILITY MASTER PLANNING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to update its overall Facility Master Plan to determine future space needs and building maintenance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, funds have not been appropriated for this service and a contract award would require a mid-year appropriation of funds; and

**WHEREAS**, available capital funds remain in the Courthouse Air Handler Replacement Project, which will be completed under budget.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners (Board) authorizes the budgetary reallocation of \$80,000 within the Public Improvement Fund (Fund #401) for this Facility Master Planning Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate a final contract with Wightman of 1670 Lincoln Road, Allegan, Michigan 49010 for a not to exceed amount of \$80,000; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Administrator is authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the County and that the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.



# ALLEGAN COUNTY REQUEST FOR ACTION FORM

## BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS OR TRANSFERS

Completed RFA form must be attached to a work order request through the Work Order system. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Finance @ext. 2658.

Date 5/27/2022

Department Requesting Administration

Submitted by Valdis Kalnins

Contact Information vkalnins@allegancounty.org

Fund, Activity: 401-265

Describe the requested change, and why it is needed:

The County desires to contract with a vendor to update the County's overall Facility Master Plan, but funds have not been appropriated for this service/project and a contract award would require a mid-year appropriation of funds. Available capital funds remain in the Courthouse Air Handler Replacement Project (#1130-22) which will be completed under budget. The Executive Director of Finance and Project Manager are recommending that \$80,000 of these appropriated capital funds be re-allocated from the existing Air Handler Replacement Project to the new Facility Master Plan Project pending approval of this action by the County Board of Commissioners.

	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Increase:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Decrease:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure Increase:	401-265.261-976.000	\$80,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure Decrease:	401-265.261-977.000	\$80,000