

**Agenda**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole Monday, July 22, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.**  
**HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

**Finance/Technology**  
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

**Primary Finance/Technology**

1. **DHHS/Child Care 2019-2020 Budget (A)**
2. **Blue Cross/Blue Shield Renewal – Power Point Presentation**
2. **Animal Control update**
3. **MERS Annual Report Summary**
4. **KC Communications Caro Center Update via phone (09:30 a.m.)**

**On-Going and Other Finance**

**Finance**

1. MREC -
2. Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies – SB 46
3. Opioid Lawsuit
4. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
6. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report
7. 2020 Budget Development

**Technology**

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
4. New Kronos Time Attendance and BS&A Finance/General Ledger Software

**Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

**Primary Personnel**

1. **IT Position**
2. **MIDC Office Position**
3. **Controller/Administrator Contract**

**On-Going and Other Personnel**

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Scheduling a MAC 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue

**Building and Grounds**  
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

**Primary Building and Grounds**

1. **Animal Shelter State Inspection Update**
2. **Animal Shelter Steel Door Replacement**

**On-Going and Other Building and Grounds**

1. County Jail Study
2. County Land Bank/Sale of Property
3. Recycling Relocation Update
4. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
5. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam
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**Other Business as Necessary**

1. Elected Versus Appointed Road Commissioners

**Public Comment Period**

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
TUSCOLA COUNTY

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7/22/19

For the MDHHS County Child Care Fund 2019-2020 budget year, we are requesting Tuscola County Board of Commissioner approval for the following amounts which will be outlined on the DHHS 2091 County Child Care Fund Budget Summary and are eligible for 50% reimbursement to the County. These amounts would cover any outstanding invoices in the following areas through September 30, 2019.

Family Foster Care	\$50,000.00
Institutional Care	\$100,000.00
Independent Living	0.00

We are also requesting approval of the continuation of the Child Care Fund In-Home Care Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program from 10/1/19-9/30/20.

In-Home Care	\$67,900.00
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In addition to the above, we are expecting the following costs to the county which in the past were listed on the 2091 and were reimbursed at 50%. However, through the new State Pays First (SPF) project will be paid first by the State and then a bill for 50% of the cost will be reconciled through the Chargeback/Offset process and will be the responsibility of the County. These costs will no longer be listed on the 2091. They are listed below **as expected to be charged to the County**. The State Pays First (SPF) project is planned for implementation on October 1, 2019 and is intended to streamline the payment processing for providers serving MDHHS-supervised youth (abuse/neglect, juvenile justice, and dual wards) by allowing County Child Care Fund (CCF) funded placements and services to be paid directly from the MDHHS MiSACWIS case management and payment system. For MDHHS supervised cases, the change will result in the department issuing payment to providers for placement and services. MDHHS Central Office will reconcile amounts owed between the department and County through the Chargeback/Offset process, without involving the providers. Only invoices for services provided after 10/1/19 are eligible for the State Pays First project. Services provided before 10/1/19 would continue to be billed through the Child Care Fund.

Family Foster Care	\$75,000.00
Institutional Care	\$225,000.00
Independent Living	5000.00

2019-2020  
Request of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to Approve the  
Child Care Fund In-Home Care  
Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program  
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We respectfully request: (1) The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners support the continuation of the Child Care Fund In-Home Care Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program; (2) The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners approve the Child Care Fund In Home line item amount of \$67,900.00 for this contract; and (3) The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners approve Tuscola County to enter into a Contract with List Psychological to provide the services for 2019-2020 as outlined below.

The cost of the contract for 2019-2020 fiscal year 10/1/19-9/30/20 would be 2080 hours/units at \$30.00 per hour/unit for a total of \$62,400.00 plus \$5000.00 in mileage and \$500.00 in Specific Assistance reimbursement for a total of \$67,900.00. After eligible 50% Child Care Fund State reimbursement, the cost to Tuscola County would be approximately \$33,950.00.

We thank you in advance for your consideration.

The Child Care Fund (CCF) reimbursement program is the result of a collaborative effort between Michigan's circuit courts, county governments, tribes, state and county Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), to support the reimbursement of costs for programming for neglected, abused, and delinquent youth in Michigan. Most of the programming is designed and administered by Michigan's circuit courts, county governments, tribes, and county MDHHS offices, based on the needs of the community. The State of Michigan oversees and administers required programming at the state level for youth placed in out-of-home care due to abuse or neglect cases. After expenditures have been incurred, requests for reimbursement for eligible direct out-of-home placements and in-home care (IHC) services are made to the state MDHHS.

MDHHS receives an annual, legislatively-appropriated budget to support CCF reimbursement-eligible programs and placements for eligible child welfare youth as defined below:

- An MDHHS youth in either a Category I or II Children's Protective Services case.
- Any youth in a court ordered MDHHS-supervised foster care placement.
- A delinquent youth for whom a petition, complaint or referral has been filed and accepted by the court and who: receives IHC intensive services or is placed in court ordered out-of-home care or has a plan for early exit from out-of-home care.

CCF is the primary fund source for serving delinquent, neglected, and/or abused youth. Each Michigan county/tribe has a specific account for their CCF, which is funded primarily through county tax dollars and donations. The state supports the county's CCF with a 50 percent reimbursement on eligible direct costs.

The goal of CCF reimbursement is to ensure funding for programs that provide services aimed at keeping children in their homes through successful intervention and rehabilitation for juveniles and to assist with achieving permanency for children in a safe and timely manner. CCF reimbursement assists with costs for intensive IHC services, out-of-home placements, and related supportive services such as drug screening and therapy.

An in-home care (IHC) program is intended to provide early intervention services for youth who are within, or likely to come within, the jurisdiction of the family court for abuse or neglect and/or those affecting a youth's early return to his or her home from foster care or institutional care. IHC programs are for youth who are within or likely to come within the jurisdiction of the circuit courts or tribal court.

The Tuscola County Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program would provide parent education as well as supervised face-to-face parent contact between parents and their children while the in-home care provider teaches and demonstrates to parents appropriate parenting techniques, discipline and family interaction. The Tuscola County Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program would serve youth/families in an MDHHS Category I or II Children's Protective Services case, youth/families in court ordered MDHHS-supervised foster care placement and/or a delinquent youth for whom a petition, complaint or referral has been filed and accepted by the court and who: receives IHC intensive services or is placed in court ordered out-of-home care or has a plan for early exit from out-of-home care. The goal of the program is to reduce: the number of youth petitioned through Abuse/Neglect Court proceedings; the number of adjudications; the number of days in family foster care; the number of days in out-of-home detention; number of days in shelter care; number of days in residential treatment and number of State Wards committed (Act 150 & 220). The focus of the Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program is to provide early intervention to educate parents and to treat within the child's home. The in-home care provider would be responsible for providing a safe, nurturing environment for parent education and parenting time and assist in furthering the development of parenting skills that are healthy and promote child well-being. Cases will be assigned via a referral from DHHS staff or the Court through which a written visitation and/or education plan will be developed incorporating strengths, needs, goals, objectives, parenting time schedules, locations, and parenting issues that need be addressed. Some of the duties of the Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program in-home care provider would include: teaching parents, mentoring parents, modeling behaviors for parents, coordinating and arranging visits (including transportation arrangement), maintaining a visitation environment that is healthy for all and interceding on the children's behalf if inappropriate behaviors are observed, providing parental direction, maintain ongoing conferencing with DHHS staff, testifying in court, completing required documentation,

and enforcing specific court visitation requirements, etc. For youth in out of home placement, the case plan would reflect an early return goal.

The Tuscola County Supervised Visitation and Parent Education in-home program operated from fiscal year 2012 through fiscal year 2018. Based on information that contract dollars might be available through the State, the program ended March 31, 2018.

While the program was in effect, we observed the following estimated savings in foster care days for youth and foster care dollars spent:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Cost to County after 50% Reimbursement from the State</b>	<b>CFC Days Saved</b>	<b>Estimated Savings at \$18.92 x days x youth</b>
2018	37	\$37,496.00	\$6,829.35	\$30,666.65	\$15,333.33		
2017	49	\$108,378.00	\$56,652.81	\$51,725.19	\$25,862.60	211	\$195,613.88
2016	70	\$106,684.00	\$28,876.02	\$77,807.98	\$38,903.99	218	\$288,719.20
2015	86	\$109,572.00	\$35,497.41	\$74,074.59	\$37,037.30	285	\$463,729.20
2014	72	\$77,367.20	\$16,172.86	\$61,194.34	\$30,597.17	138	\$187,989.12
2013	63	\$54,660.00	\$13,657.55	\$41,002.45	\$20,501.23	325.8	\$388,340.57
2012		\$54,660.00	\$11,046.91	\$43,613.09	\$21,806.55		