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MEETING:	DESC Executive Committee Meeting	DATE:	January 26, 2021
VIA ZOOM ATTENDEES:	DESC Executive Committee Members: Cal Sharp, Alice Thompson, Chris Uhl, Nicole Sherard-Freeman, Maria Woodruff-Wright DESC Staff: Terri Weems, Elizabeth Hennessey, Alessia Baker-Giles, Marie Hocker, Michelle Rafferty, Robert Shimkoski, Dana Williams, JaNae' Combs	LOCATION:	Zoom Meeting
		CALLED TO ORDER:	9:05 am
ABSENT:	Excused: None Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	9:24 am
FACILITATOR:	Cal Sharp, Board Chair	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	April 27, 2021

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	<p>Cal Sharp, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and read a statement regarding the state's recent amendment to the Open Meetings Act and how it impacts our virtual meeting. For the purpose of the minutes, all Board members attending remotely identified themselves and the location they were joining from:</p> <p>Cal Sharp from Bloomfield Township, MI Alice Thompson from Detroit, MI Chris Uhl from Berkley, MI Nicole Sherard-Freeman from Rochester Hills, MI Maria Woodruff-Wright from West Bloomfield, MI</p>	
II. Agenda and Minutes Approval	<p>Cal Sharp asked for approval to the minutes for the December 15, 2020 meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Alice Thompson Seconded: Chris Uhl Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p> <p>Cal Sharp called for approval of the agenda for the Committee meeting on January 26, 2021:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Chris Uhl Seconded: Alice Thompson</p>	



	Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously	
III. DESC Board Chair Report	Cal Sharp reported:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sharp reported that he hopes the new year will be a good one. 	
IV. DESC President Board Report	Terri Weems reported:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 may be good for Detroit as far as federal funding is concerned. The new administration has reached out to the City of Detroit to find out what our needs are. People Plan programming is moving forward. Recent events highlight the need for the programs we are working on, to eliminate the inequities. Ms. Weems discussed some Detroit at Work 2020 Highlights. A change to the time of two Board meetings in the future were discussed and proposed for approval for the full Board. 	
V. Michigan Works Association Update	Terri Weems reported:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MWA priorities for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unemployment Insurance reform - the State has removed the in-person registration requirement, so we will have to develop strategies to bring people into our system. MWA recommends increasing the timeframe to apply for UI from 5 days to 21 days. A salary study is being done across MWA's. <p>Nicole Sherard-Freeman added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The figures of jobs accepted for FCA was corrected to reflect 4,100 employed Detroiters through this program, rather than the 4,300 previously reported. <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p>	
VI. Public Comments	There was no public comment.	
VII. Adjournment	Cal Sharp called for a motion to adjourn the meeting:	
	<p>Motion: Chris Uhl Seconded: Alice Thompson Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:



Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Executive Assistant to the President

Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 1/29/2021

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: 04/27/2021 Initials: EH

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 9:00 AM
