

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 9, 2022
Traverse Connect – Blue Room

ARPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nate Alger - County Administrator, Grand Traverse County
Gregg Bird - Emergency Manager, Grand Traverse County
Dean Bott - Finance Director, Grand Traverse County
Warren Call - President/CEO, Traverse Connect
Nick Ceglarek - Superintendent, Northwest Education Services
Chris Forsyth - Deputy County Administrator, Grand Traverse County
Chris Hindbaugh - CEO, Addiction Services
Seth Johnson - Executive Director, United Way
Donna Kinsey - Human Resource Director, Grand Traverse County
Kevin Klein - CEO, Cherry Capital Airport
Tony Lentych - Executive Director, Traverse City Housing Commission
Jason Slade - Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Northwestern Michigan College
Sakura Takano - CEO, Rotary Charities
Jody Trietch - CFO Boomerang Catapult & Executive Director of Northern Michigan Angels
Matt Wille - President/CEO, Munson Medical Center

Members met at 8:00 a.m. in the Blue Room at Traverse Connect.

PRESENT: Alger, Bird, Bott, Call, Ceglarek, Forsyth, Hindbaugh, Kinsey, Klein, Lentych, Slade, Takano, Trietch, and Wille

EXCUSED: Johnson

OTHERS: Tim Dempsey, Public Sector Consultants
Bonnie Scheele, Grand Traverse County Clerk (recording secretary)

1. Welcome

Nate Alger welcomed the members and gave a brief explanation of why the County created this committee and what they hope to achieve with regards to how to use the ARPA funding most efficiently.

2. Structuring the Advisory Process

Tim Dempsey led the group on a discussion of the advisory committee's goals, process and public engagement.

- The goal of the committee is to make recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners on how to spend the County's 18.2 million ARPA funding. This

group is in an advisory role only and they will use a consensus driven approach with the facilitator.

- The process will be to set investment criteria (core agreement), develop a list of projects and categories (consensus workshop), and prioritize projects and categories (process to be determined)
- The time frame to come up with recommendations will be approximately 3-6 months. The committee will decide in the future how often they will meet and if they will have virtual meetings, in person meetings, or a hybrid of these two.

3. Overview of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Chris Forsyth gave a presentation on the ARPA guidance and eligible expenditures. He indicated that the Final Rule regarding these funds will be effective April 1, 2022 and the Final Rule lists what the money can and cannot be used for when they decide how to spend it.

4. Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Provide the ARPA information and presentations with the committee through TEAMS.
- Set up a central repository for members to share information and ideas.
- Next meeting will be 8:00 a.m. on February 23, 2022 (location to be determined)

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Bonnie Scheele
Recording Secretary