

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Approved Minutes

DATE: February 11, 2009

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Joyce Kortman, James Holtrop, Matthew Hehl, Robert Karsten

ABSENT: James Holtvluwer

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Services Director; Sandra Boven, Public Health; Amy Oosterink, Public Health; Angie Barksdale, MI Works!/CAA; Loren Snippe, Dept. of Human Services Director; Sally Prins, Nurse; Laura Schleede, MSU Extension; Shane VanOosterhout, MSU Extension; Bill Raymond, MI Works!/CAA Director; Lisa Stefanvosky, Health Officer; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Joel Westmaas, MI Works!/CAA

#### SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 09-004 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2009, meeting as presented.

Moved by: Karsten

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#### SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Health Promotion: Smoke Free Video Competition Presentation – Amy Oosterink, Heath Educator, explained students from 4 area schools participated in the “Smoke Free Video Competition”. The three top videos have received prizes and the videos were shown at today’s meeting. “What’s Inside a Cigarette” was the 2008 topic. The Health Department has just kicked off the 2009 competition with the topic of “Smoke Free Hero”. Amy reported a \$25,000 grant was received for this year’s competition.
2. Ottawa County MSU Extension Master Gardener Program Overview – Shane VanOosterhout, Master Gardener Coordinator, presented a brief overview of the Master Gardener Program. This certification program requires 12 weeks of training, 40 hours of volunteer services and a quiz to complete the course.

3. Update: Human Services Coordinating Council – A Human Services Coordinating Council update was presented by Donna Cornwell.
4. Proposed Resolutions Regarding State and/or National Policy or Pending Legislation – Mr. Holtrop reported he attended a meeting regarding the Children’s Rights Lawsuit settlement. He reported Probate Judges have concerns and the cost could go up by 25%. Loren Snippe reported the cost will depend on the number of children and families put into the system. The Administrator reported his group is looking at having the State pay the cost because the county was never contacted during the process.
5. Departmental Updates:

MI Works!/CAA – Bill Raymond reported on the increase in their services. In a typical month, approximately 2,000 contacts are made. In January, there were 9,000. He also reported they are gearing up for the Stimulus package. There are significant dollars available for both agencies.

Bill introduced two new employees; Angie Barksdale and Joel Westmaas. “Walk for Warmth” is taking place Saturday, February 14th, this year in Zeeland.

Public Health – Lisa Stefanvosky reported Public Health is getting inundated with phone calls for assistances. She also reported a large number of people applying for Medicaid. The State budget is due out today and she has heard there is 100 million cut out of the Public Health Budget.

An Open House is scheduled for Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for Dr. Heidel’s retirement from the Air Force.

MSU Extension- January was “National Mentoring Month”. A celebration was held in Zeeland with 150 participants. The “Join the Team” campaign has started and they are hoping to get more volunteers.

Human Services – Loren Snippe reported they will be implementing a new computer system on March 17<sup>th</sup> called “Bridges”. There is a six month learning curve and he just wanted to give everyone a heads-up.

LCC – The Administrator reported LCC had a vote on Friday and Ottawa County now has the same agreement as Muskegon and Berrien Counties.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.