

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: April 13, 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Stu Visser, James Holtrop, Robert Karsten, James Holtvluwer, Greg DeJong

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Michelle Martin, DHS Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Lynne Doyle, CMH; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Greg Rappleye, Corporate Counsel; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Council; Stan Roth; Pam Curtis, Senior Resources Director; Alex Mowery

SUBJECT: CONTENT ITEMS

HHS 11-008 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and amended adding Discussion Item 5A – Health Department Licensing for Restaurants and to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011, meeting as presented.

Moved by: Holtvluwer

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Services to Senior Citizens – Stan Roth, Georgetown Township, is an advocate for senior issues in Kent County and addressed the lack of services available for seniors. He went to the Ottawa County website and couldn't find any links to services available. There is a need to look harder at keeping older citizens in their homes. The southeast portion of the county has the largest population but the least amount of services for the elderly. Kent County has had a millage since 1996. Mr. Roth asked the committee if the county would explore this option for Ottawa.
2. Update from Senior Resources – Pam Curtis, Director of Senior Resources of West Michigan, confirmed Mr. Roth's concerns. Senior Resources has a 500 person waiting list for services today. Homebound seniors are the primary focus and there is no funding for active seniors. Cuts from the state have occurred over the last three years. The state and federal government are not prepared for the senior population. Services are not adequate now and are only going

to get worse. Pam stated Senior Resources is willing to work with the county on a millage.

Mr. Holtrop asked the Administrator to have a link to Senior Resources made available on the county website. Donna Cornwell will contact the United Way to see if they would be willing to address this issue and do an analysis and then report back to this committee.

3. County Health Rankings – Lisa Stefanovsky reported the Health Department ranked #1 among all the counties in Michigan in the overall health of the citizens. Michigan ranked 30th in the U.S.
4. Health Department Food Licenses – Greg DeJong was questioned why the 2012 invoices have gone out so far in advance. Lisa Stefanovsky stated the licenses are due every year in April. She is going to check on the mandate and get back with Commissioner DeJong.
5. Department Updates –

Department of Human Services – Michelle Martin reported on food assistance for college student. Prior to April 1st, Ottawa County had 3,176 college student receiving food assistant. On April 1st, 2,390 of those cases were closed. 786 college students are still receiving food benefits based on the established criteria.

Community Mental Health – Lynne Doyle reported the CMH accreditation was last week and everything went really well. The Department of Community Health is coming in at the end of this month.

Health Department – Dr. Heidel reported the fastest growing specialty field is gerontology.

Human Services Coordinating Council – Donna Cornwell presented a brief update.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

HHS 11-009 Motion: To adjourn at 9:55 a.m.
Moved by: Karsten

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