

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: July 13, 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

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

ABSENT: James Holtvluwer

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Lynne Doyle, CMH; Bill Raymond, MI Works!/CAA Director; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Council; Michelle Martin, Interim DHS Director; Keith VanBeek, Assistant Administrator; Heather Alberda, Health Dept.; Kerri Borr, MI Works!/CAA; Media

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 11-013 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011, meeting as presented.
Moved by: Karsten UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New Report: Most Aging Baby Boomers Face Poor Mobility Options – Jim Holtrop explained the report in the packet is an informational piece dealing with public transportation issues that is affecting aging baby boomers. He recommended the Committee read it. The Administrator reported that every 7 to 8 years a transportation study is done through a grant. Area mayors have looked at options.
2. Housing Choice Voucher Program – A presentation on the Ottawa County Housing Choice Voucher program was presented. The Housing Commission was originally formed because Ottawa County was missing out on receiving vouchers. There are over 400 vouchers being given out currently. Due to federal cutbacks and CSBG cuts, the Housing Choice Voucher program is becoming too expensive. Mr. Raymond reviewed a number of options that are being looked at. The two most feasible are merge the Ottawa County Housing Commission with the Housing Choice Voucher Program or Contact MSHDA and turn the voucher program back over to them. His goal is not to give

the voucher program back to MSHDA. The Administrator also recommended a third option of looking at a multi-county program.

3. Emerging Tobacco Products – Heather Alberda, Health Educator, reviewed the Press Release dealing with the state smoke-free air law and how it's working. There has been a huge shift in bar employees' health reporting better overall general health and fewer respiratory symptoms after the law. She also went over the new tobacco products available for consumers and how the tobacco companies are marketing young people.
4. Department Updates:

DHS – Michelle Martin reported DHS is waiting on the new policy dealing with a 48 month limit on cash assistant and how this will affect Ottawa County. She also reported the State is looking at including asset limits for those who receive food benefits. Another change the State would like to see is statewide consistency with a centralized CPS during the intake process.

Human Services Coordinating Council – Donna Cornwell is following up on the needs of senior citizens in Kent and Ottawa Counties. The Food Policy Counsel is working on food distribution.

Mental Health – Lynne Doyle reported an RFP, in conjunction with Muskegon County, has gone out for independent living apartments for persons who need minimal assistance. She also reported the retirement of John North, Muskegon CMH Director.

Health Department – Dr. Heidel received another CDC notification on the measles. Medical professional have already been notified so he believes Ottawa County is ahead of the game. The flu vaccine will be the same as last year's. Secure Care has done the jail medical for the last 7 years. A new RFP will be going out next year.

Lisa Stefanovsky reported there will be a presentation next month on the changes to the Food Enforcement Policy. She also reported on the push for National Accreditation Program for Local Public Health Departments. Due to the cost of \$31,000, she is not recommending this voluntary accreditation for the Health Department.

MI Works!/CAA – Bill Raymond introduced his new employee, Kerri Borr. He reported the Advance Energy Storage Grant has been submitted to the feds. He gave a brief update on Kandu.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

HHS 11-014 Motion: To adjourn at 9:44 a.m.
Moved by: DeJong

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