

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### Approved Minutes

DATE: November 9, 2011

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

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

STAFF & GUESTS: Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Michelle Martin, Interim Human Services Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Bill DeVries; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Counsel; Lynne Doyle, CMH; Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Bill Raymond, MI Works!/CAA Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Pam Curtis, Senior Resources

#### SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 11-022 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting as presented.

Moved by: Visser

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#### SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Senior Care Coordinators Meeting Results – Pam Curtis reported a variety of service providers meet in September to discuss gaps in services available to older adults in Ottawa County. The top five gaps identified were: 1) Support Coordination, 2) Assistant with Paper Work, 3) Transportation, 4) Mental Health Services, and 5) MiChoice Waiver. Transportation turned out to be the number one problem. Ottawa County is the fastest growing County in the Senior Resources Region. The senior population is at 18% now and expected to be 30% within 5 years. Georgetown, Hudsonville and Grandville are in talks and looking at possibly starting a senior center.

Funding continues to be an issue but this is not a good time to look at a millage.

2. Department Reports:

Human Services Coordinating Counsel – Donna Cornwell reported on the Homeless Youth Forum that was held yesterday. There were 45 participants and four homeless youths spoke. Schools discussed how to better identify these youths.

Mental Health – Lynne Doyle updated the Committee on the dual eligibility issues. This Friday, six counties will be holding a forum on Health Care Reform and how to prepare.

MI Works!/CAA – Bill Raymond updated the Committee on the Prisoner Re-Entry Program, utility issues and weatherization. He reported they received word yesterday that the Tax Assistance Money will be coming through.

150 graduates and seniors attended the Workforce Development event on October 28<sup>th</sup> for 300 jobs. A similar event will be held for blue collar workers. Continental Dairy had over 900 applicants show up for 47 open positions.

Health Department – Dr. Heidel reported it is Norovirus season again. There has been one reported outbreak in Hudsonville. The Health Department received a report that a doctor in Ottawa County is treating 54 people for Lyme disease but none are meeting the criteria. This is out of the Health Department's control but they have reported this to the State. This is bothersome because people are being treated for something they don't have. Not sure if the 54 can be contacted because of HIPPA laws. This would be something Corporate Counsel would have to look into.

Lisa Stefanovsky reported there are some Environmental Health situations going on. The Field Services staff is swamped. Lisa stated they the Health Dept. has received a lot of positive feedback on the Water Quality Forum that was held.

Human Services – Michelle Martin reported utility assistance has been cut 50% this year which is going to make for a tough winter. For now, the Cash Assistance time limits are in effect. Michelle also reported an increase from 43% to 66% in CPS cases with the centralized intake in place.

3. The December Health & Human Services Meeting will be canceled.

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**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

HHS 11-023 Motion: To adjourn at 9:40 a.m.  
Moved by: Karsten

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