

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Approved Minutes

DATE: January 11, 2012

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

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

ABSENT: James Holtrop

STAFF & GUESTS: Addie Hambley, Environmental Health; Michelle Martin, Human Services Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Counsel; Spencer Ballard, Environmental Health; Lynne Doyle, CMH; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel

#### SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 12-001 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented.  
Moved by: Karsten UNANIMOUS

HHS 12-002 Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011, meeting as presented.  
Moved by: Karsten UNANIMOUS

#### SUBJECT: ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

HHS 12-003 Motion: To elect James Holtvluwer as Vice Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee for 2012.  
Moved by: Karsten UNANIMOUS

#### SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MiBridges, Kathryn Hamm, Community Resource Coordinator, Ottawa County DHS – Postponed until next month.
2. Local Environmental Health Issues – Addie Hambley, Environmental Health Manager, reported that Environmental Health has been evaluating programs and identifying areas for improvement. The Food Safety Program was determined more development of partnerships emphasizing education was needed with establishments. Addie

highlighted a few changes implemented in an effort to build a better rapport with establishments.

Since 1978 Ottawa County has had a contract with Holland City for them to conduct inspections of the restaurants and food service facilities within Holland City. The current contract expired on December 31, 2011. Based on data analyzed it was determined that Ottawa County would begin conducting inspections on May 1, 2012. Steps have been put in place to ensure a smooth transition.

### 3. Department Reports

MI Works!/CAA – Bill Raymond reported Community Action Agency is facing funding cuts. \$1.5 million will be going away over the next month. There will be at least five layoffs and possible cut in hours. Bill has been meeting with Human Resources and looking at all the options.

Bill reported MI Works! has been busy with the Ready Now Event which is a week long program of employers looking for qualified/skilled workers. Each applicant will receive at least two interviews. This is a pilot project and other counties are looking at it. He also gave a brief update on the Adult Learning Center, the Department of Labor Initiative Grant and reported housing vouchers keep declining.

Health Department – Lisa Stefanovsky reported the Health Dept. is preparing for the May accreditation. The Health & Human Services Committee will need to review the Plan of Organization. She also reported the data from the County Assessment Project with the hospitals will be released in May.

Dr. Heidel is out on medical leave. There is an agreement in place that the Kent County Medical Director will step in if necessary.

Human Services – Michelle Martin is now the official Director. She updated the committee on the Food and Cash Assistant programs and gave a brief update on Child Protective Services.

Human Services Coordinating Council – Donna Cornwell presented an update on the Homeless Youth Forum and the Lakeshore Non-profit Alliance.

Mental Health – Lynne Doyle reported a full time peer support specialist was hired for the Connection Center. The dual eligibility is still an on-going issue.

**SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.