

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: August 8, 2012

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

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

ABSENT: James Holtvluwer

STAFF & GUESTS: Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Michelle Martin, DHS Director; Bill Raymond, MI Works!/CAA Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Anna Bednarck, CMH; Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Keith VanBeek, Assistant Administrator; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Council

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 12-014 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting as presented.

Moved by: Karsten

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Housing Choice Voucher Program in Ottawa County – Issues & Potential Changes – Bill Raymond, Executive Director, Michigan Works!, stated the main issue that still exists is that the Housing Choice Voucher program is too expensive and it still has to be subsidized. He presented six different options and reviewed the pros and cons of each. He favors Option 4 – Try to find a local non-profit to take the program. He has been in discussion with ICCF in Grand Rapids. They are interested in exploring taking on Ottawa County Vouchers. Bill has a meeting next week with ICCF to discuss if this would really work. Administration also recommended talking with the Kent County Housing Commission to see if they would be interested.

2. Department Updates:

Human Services Coordinating Council – Donna Cornwell announced she will be leaving the council and going full-time at the State. She also gave a brief update on the Youth Suicide Program.

Dept. of Human Services – Cash Assistance update was given by Michelle Martin. She explained that over the past year, Michigan has redesigned the Jobs, Employment and Training (JET) program. Michelle also reported a lot more field work is being done due to the Centralized Child Protection Services.

MI WORKS!/CAA – Bill Raymond reported Direct Services and Implementation was completed in July.

Health Dept. – Lisa Stefanovsky gave a brief update on the Norovirus outbreak in Holland. There were over 300 calls with 276 actual illnesses. It was questioned if the restaurant should have been closed sooner. She stated the hospital notified the Health Department late Thursday. The Health Department received information Friday that those who were sick on Tuesday were better by Thursday. Friday night, Dr. Heidel received additional calls from the ER and the restaurant was shut down Saturday morning. There have been no reported cases since the closing. MDCH has been in contact with the Center for Disease Control and would like to work with the Health Department as they are interested in secondary infections.

Lisa also spoke on attending a meeting with the Michigan Dental Program, Inc. and expanding services in Ottawa County that the County wouldn't be responsible for funding.

Dr. Heidel reported The Center of Disease Control recently announced that several areas of the US are currently experiencing outbreaks of pertussis. Ottawa County has experienced a sharp increase in cases. He reported the doctors are doing a great job testing and reporting. The pertussis vaccine change in 1993 may be a result of this.

Dr. Heidel also reported on H3N2V, a new flu virus, which the current flu vaccine doesn't cover.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

HHS 12-015 Motion: To adjourn at 9:48 a.m.

Moved by: Karsten

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