

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: October 10, 2012

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

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

ABSENT: Greg DeJong

STAFF & GUESTS: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Lynne Doyle, Community Mental Health; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Angie Barksdale, Michigan Works!; Greg Rappleye, Corporate Counsel; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Kori White-Bissot, Lakeshore Coordinating Council

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 12-019 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2012 meeting as presented.
Moved by: Karsten UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Pathways to Potential/LERN/ Family Resource Centers – Michelle Martin explained that Pathways to Potential puts DHS workers in local schools where clients can connect with social workers most easily. School attendance is a critical component to academic success. DHS workers can focus on removing the barriers to attending school. This program has been around since 2006.

Michelle also briefly explained the LERN program which pairs DHS with private businesses. This program helps meet the needs of the staff as well as helps people retain their job. Employers pay 50% of the cost of the DHS worker. This is a cost savings for the company because of the lower turnover rate.

2. Department Reports :

MI Works! – Angie Barksdale reported two new staff members started this week.

Health Department – Lisa Stefanovsky reported Michigan Department of Community Health notified the Health Department that they are fully accommodated and offered to come present the certificate at a Board Meeting.

Dr. Heidel reported a possible Norovirus outbreak last week at Hudsonville Elementary. He also reported the Health Department received CDC alerts on

Hantavirus and the Meningitis outbreak. There have been 25 Meningitis cases reported in Michigan which is the 2nd highest in the country.

Mental Health – Lynne Doyle briefly updated the committee on dual eligibility, regionalization and private insurance now covering autism.

Lakeshore Coordinating Council – Kori White-Bissot reported there are a lot of unknowns presently with substance abuse. She stated access services are going well and they are moving into phase 2. She stated LCC is looking at an evaluation project with PA2 funds. The RFP is presently out for hiring a consultant to look at the data collected.

The Administrator will be recommending to the Board to resend the resolution adopted regarding the handling of PA2 funds and turning that back over to LCC.

Dept. of Human Services – Michelle Martin reported the Governor Snyder is in favor of preventing truancy in schools. Kindergarten has the highest rate. The State is looking at possibility cutting assistance for families receiving cash assistance if their children have 10 unexcused absences from school. This will motivate families to keep their children in school. Right now, it's up to the schools to decide what "unexcused" is. Michelle gave a brief update on mobile workforce and the use of laptops and iPhones.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

HHS 12-020 Motion: To adjourn at 9:24 a.m.
Moved by: Karsten

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