

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: January 13, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Allen Dannenberg, Kyle Terpstra (Zoom), Randy Meppelink(Zoom), and James Holtvluwer(Zoom) (4)

ABSENT: Joseph Baumann (1)

STAFF & GUESTS: Al Vanderberg, County Administrator; John Shay, Assistant County Administrator; Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy; Zoom Attendants: Patrick Cisler, Human Services Coordinating Council Executive Director; Lynne Doyle, Community Mental Health Director; Lisa Stefanovsky, Public Health Officer; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Kendra Spanjer, DHS Director; Jen Brozowski, Community Action Agency Program Director; Debbie Price, Sexual Health Team Supervisor

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 21-001 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.
Moved by: Meppelink

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HHS 21-002 Motion: To approve the minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting as presented.
Moved by: Terpstra

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SUBJECT: ACTION ITEMS

HHS 21-003 Motion: To elect Joseph Baumann as Vice Chairperson of the Health & Human Services Committee for 2021.
Moved by: Holtvluwer

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2021 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Schedule- The consensus of the committee is to keep the meeting schedule the same. They will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m.
2. Sexual Health Update- Debbie Price gave a power point presentation on cervical cancer since January is Cervical Health Awareness Month. She talked about prevention, by getting the HPV vaccine and screening, by getting regular physical exams. She also gave some numbers and stats that the Public Health Department screened in 2019 and 2020.
3. Department Updates

- a. Department of Human Services – Kendra Spanjer gave an update on the new states ranking for child welfare. Ottawa County is ranked 10th largest for CPS referrals and cases. The good news is that Ottawa County is ranked 15th in the number of kids in out of home care. This means they are able to keep more kids in their homes. She said that assistance payment numbers continue to be high. Caseloads are also high for staff. There was a staffing allocation recently approved as well.
- b. Community Action Agency-Jen Brozowski said that they are staying very busy. She updated that three Coronavirus relief grants that were supposed to expire in December have been extended until February 15. They are also submitting a grant for \$50,000 to extend their quarantine kits, with the hope of continuing them until September 2021. She talked about funds for the Emergency food and shelter program. They also applied for an emergency services grant in the amount of \$645,000. She then updated that with the latest round of stimulus money, the State has allocated money to eviction diversion and CAA will help with distributing this. And finally, Web Walk for Warmth is still on for this year, and it will be virtual.
- c. Human Services Coordinating Council- Patrick Cisler updated that Community SPOKE continues to convene their response group. They are currently helping with the vaccine rollout. They are also working on how to support youth affected by Covid as well. To go along with Jen's update, Good Samaritan will also be helping distribute eviction diversion money from the stimulus to help constituents with rent that are struggling.
- d. Community Mental Health-Lynne Doyle updated that they have slowed down a bit. They are still by appointment only and they are trying to reach out to people to make sure they know there is still help available. Her staff that wanted the vaccine were able to get it last week. They are still busy with their two most recent grants. She gave a brief Region update by saying that they are still looking for a new CEO.
- e. Public Health Department- Lisa Stefanovsky said that she gave a pretty thorough overview at the Board meeting yesterday on Covid. She said that they are ready to vaccinate, but they do not have enough of the vaccine. She is very proud of the partnerships we have in Ottawa County. She also gave an update of the community health assessment. She said that the data has been collected and they are compiling it right now. The numbers are looking very interesting.

Dr Heidel-gave a vaccine update. He said there are now 92 million cases and 2 million deaths globally of Covid. He also gave some Covid case statistics. He said there are just under 20,000 positive cases in Ottawa County. Hospitals are in pretty good shape right now. Overall, we are doing pretty well in Ottawa County.

HHS 21-004 Motion: To Adjourn
 Moved By: Holtvluwer

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The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.