

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Approved Minutes**

DATE: February 10, 2021

TIME: 9:01 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Allen Dannenberg, Joseph Baumann, Randy Meppelink(Zoom), and James Holtvluwer(Zoom) (4)

ABSENT: Kyle Terpstra (Zoom), (1)

STAFF & GUESTS: Al Vanderberg, County Administrator; John Shay, Assistant County Administrator; Zoom Attendants: Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy; Patrick Cisler, Human Services Coordinating Council Executive Director; Lynne Doyle, Community Mental Health Director; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Jen Brozowski, Community Action Agency Program Director; Amy Sheele, Health Educator

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 21-005 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.  
Moved by: Holtvluwer

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HHS 21-006 Motion: To approve the minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting as presented.  
Moved by: Meppelink

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SUBJECT: ACTION ITEMS

None

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ottawa County Suicide Prevention Coalition; Blue Envelope Team Response Pilot Project in OC Schools-Amy Sheele talked about how the coalition came about. She said that in 2019 there were 25 deaths by suicide and in 2020 there were 29 deaths by suicide in Ottawa County. She updated on the Blue Envelope Program that was started in 2019 and said that they have trained 717 teachers and school staff among the 4 school districts currently participating. They feel they have had a very successful rollout of the pilot and they hope to pull in more schools this year. The program is free to schools. She talked about the data that has been collected on the students that have been identified as having suicidal thoughts and she explained the tool that is used to determine risk levels.
2. Department Updates

- a. Public Health Department- Dr Heidel updated that the case rates continue to trend downward. There have been 44 new cases per day over the last 7 days. Positivity rates are going down as well, but they would still like to see this lower. Hospitals are also in good shape right now. He then gave a COVID strain update and a vaccine update.
- b. Human Services Coordinating Council- Patrick Cisler updated that their main focus right now is assisting with the vaccine rollout. He said that they haven't seen any real spikes in any one area of human services like last spring. The lack of a labor force seems to be an issue. The eviction diversion program will be receiving funds to keep people housed. He updated that senior scams seem to be an issue lately. He also gave a brief update on where the local non-profits stand. And finally, he said that the Community Needs Assessment will be rolling out on March 11 at 1:30pm.
- c. Community Mental Health-Lynne Doyle gave some highlights from her annual report she presented yesterday at the Board meeting. She said they are really busy with their system of care grant and launching the COSEP grant in the jail. She talked about some new positions she will be requesting very soon. She also said that finances are looking much better this year.
- d. Community Action Agency-Jen Brozowski updated that they are not doing their tax program this year. They were having a hard time getting tax preparers to come into the office for appointments. They are wrapping up their 3 coronavirus grants this week. She also said that the eviction diversion program will receive \$100,000 to help with utility assistance. And finally, the Walk for Warmth virtual event is happening all this week.

HHS 21-007      Motion: To Adjourn  
Moved By: Holtvluwer

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The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.