

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: March 10, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Allen Dannenberg, Joseph Baumann, Randy Meppelink(Zoom), James Holtvluwer(Zoom) and Kyle Terpstra (Zoom), (5)

STAFF & GUESTS: Al Vanderberg, County Administrator; John Shay, Assistant County Administrator; Zoom Attendants: Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy; Lynne Doyle, Community Mental Health Director; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Jen Brozowski, Community Action Agency Program Director; Kendra Spanjer, DHS Director; Lisa Stefanovsky, Public Health Officer; Kristina Wieghmink, Public Information Officer

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 21-008 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.
Moved by: Holtvluwer

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HHS 21-009 Motion: To approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting as presented.
Moved by: Holtvluwer

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SUBJECT: ACTION ITEMS

None

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ottawa County Department of Public Health Update-Kristina Wieghmink gave a COVID-19 response presentation on the many methods she uses to get information out to the community. She highlighted what she focuses on for Risk Communications and the importance of communication, along with the partnerships she works with. She then talked about the tools she uses and used during this pandemic to effectively communicate with the community. The last thing she talked about what the multi-media methods she uses.
2. Department Updates
 - a. Community Mental Health-Lynne Doyle said they have been very busy with grant writing and submissions. She updated on one that has been taking up a lot of their time that they recently submitted. It is a CCBHC grant. She explained what this is. She is hopeful they will get it. They are also hiring a lot of new staff because of grants they have secured recently. Some very good news is that the supplemental has been approved for direct care workers for a wage increase.

She then updated that the LRE has hired a new CEO and they are also making improvements with finances and negotiations with the State Department.

- b. Community Action Agency-Jen Brozowski gave an update on the Walk for Warmth totals. They currently have hit \$8,600 and they received word that they will be getting \$3,000 from Semco. They have been busy preparing for the CERA grant, which is a \$9,800,000 grant for eviction diversion. They will be involved in the utility assistance portion of the grant which for Ottawa County is \$100,000. They were also awarded more dollars in the CARES act to prepare quarantine kits. There is also an ESG grant they are working on trying to get.
- c. Public Health Department- Dr Heidel updated there has been a recent listeria outbreak from contaminated cheese. He said they are working closely with Tulip Time and Coast Guard festivals, as well as schools, for proms and graduations. They are also concerned right now with the new strains of COVID out there. They are keeping a close eye on this. They have had one outbreak at a school that they are also keeping an eye on. He said that they are in constant contact with schools and that there are 5 superintendents retiring at the end of this school year.

Lisa Stefanovsky-she updated that today they are hosting the largest clinic yet, with over 2,000 appointments at the Civic Center. They have vaccinated about 59% of people 65 and older with at least their first dose of the vaccine. They are having issues getting to them. They are brainstorming ways to reach this population. She also updated that tomorrow the Community Needs Assessment results will be released to the public at a zoom forum. She encourages everyone to sign up for the forum.

- d. Department of Human Services – Kendra Spanjer had the answers to a couple of questions the commissioners had asked her at the Board meeting yesterday regarding Medicaid and CPS reports from schools. She also updated that they are currently planning on opening their office and lobby to the public in May. This could change at any time.

HHS 21-010 Motion: To Adjourn
 Moved By: Baumann

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The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.