

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: May 12, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Allen Dannenberg, Joseph Baumann, James Holtvluwer(Zoom) and Kyle Terpstra (Zoom), (4)

ABSENT: Randy Meppelink (1)

STAFF & GUESTS: Al Vanderberg, Administrator; John Shay, Assistant County Administrator; Zoom Attendants; Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy; Lynne Doyle, Community Mental Health Director; Kendra Spanjer, DHS Director; Lisa Stefanovsky, Public Health Officer; Patrick Cisler, Human Services Coordinating Council Executive Director; Debra Bassett, Oral Health Team Supervisor; Tamara Drake, Clinic Supervisor

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 21-014 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.
Moved by: Baumann

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HHS 21-015 Motion: To approve the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting as presented.
Moved by: Holtvluwer

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SUBJECT: ACTION ITEMS

None

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Dental Health Services and Miles of Smiles Update- Debra Bassett shared a video that they created with the new mobile unit. She said that they are back in schools and other sites since they were on hold with COVID. She is hoping they will be fully operational in September when schools start back up again. She is also hoping they will be able to get more volunteers too. Lastly, Debra announced that she is retiring and her last day is June 30.
2. COVID-19 Investigation and Contact Tracing- Tamara Drake shared a COVID 19 power point and explained what the Ottawa County Communicable Disease Team does. She went over how their team responded to the COVID 19 pandemic. She then talked about the different teams they had to set up to take care of specific areas during the pandemic. She also talked about the struggles they had with the Fall 2020 surge in cases and the current challenges they are facing.

3. Department Updates
 - a. Public Health Department- Lisa Stefanovsky did not have any further updates.
 - b. Community Mental Health-Lynne Doyle said that May is mental health awareness month. She also said that they are experiencing a staffing crisis in mental health across the board. Direct care worker jobs are seeing no applicants. Their wages can't compete with other jobs out there. She then talked about some proposals that are out there regarding the CMH budget that they are opposed to.
 - c. Department of Human Services – Kendra Spanjer said that their current slated date to open their office and return is July 12. This could change depending on the governor's new guidelines. She said that they were concerned that people weren't reaching out for services because their building is closed, so they did an outreach at a homeless encampment. They found that these people went a whole year without assistance because they didn't know how to get it. They were able to help a couple people right on the spot. She was also very proud because they have met and exceeded their foster home expectations. They are doing a pilot to expedite family foster licenses. And finally, she talked about adding prevention to several aspects of her office and services they offer and gave a food assistance update.
 - d. Human Services Coordinating Council- Patrick Cisler updated that the Human Services Response Team continues to convene. Mental health is still the ongoing need. He said they are supporting Lisa and her team with vaccine rollouts. He also wanted the commissioners to know that Michigan Works is having a webinar on June 3 to talk about a survey they conducted on unemployment. And finally, he gave a Healthy Ottawa Plan update.

HHS 21-016 Motion: To Adjourn
 Moved By: Dannenberg

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The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.