

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: October 13, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

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

ABSENT: Joseph Baumann (1)

STAFF & GUESTS: John Shay, County Administrator; Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy; Glorie Orozco, Clerk/Register Supervisor; Lynne Doyle, Community Mental Health Director; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Paula Bomhof, Public; Emily Underhill, Public; Zoom attendants: Patrick Cisler, Human Services Coordinating Council Executive Director; Jen Brozowski, Community Action Agency Program Director; Kendra Spanjer, DHS Director; Gwen Unzicker, Medical Director; Sandra Lake, Community Health Manager

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 21-024 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.
Moved by: Meppelink

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HHS 21-025 Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 8, 2021 meeting as presented.
Moved by: Holtvluwer

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SUBJECT: ACTION ITEMS

None

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Maternal Infant Health Program Update-Sandra Lake gave an update on the program using the power point slides included in the packet. She gave a brief overview of the program. She then talked about staffing updates, technology updates, and state initiatives. She ended with going over some program data and their goals for 2022.
2. Vaccine Passports-Mr. Meppelink explained the reasoning behind his request to discuss this item today. He would like to see the Board draft and pass a Resolution opposing a vaccine passport. He had a sample from Oceana County. There was discussion on it and if it violates the Boards policy on resolutions. John recommended having corporate counsel look into it.
3. Department Updates

- a. Public Health Department-Lisa Stefanovsky updated that Environmental Health's onsite programs have seen significant increases in many areas. She said that vaccinations rates for children have been down overall and they are monitoring this. They are seeing an uptick in vaccine waiver appointments. She then talked about how they are back in the schools in full force doing hearing and vision testing, as well as dental services. Finally, they are working with Bethany Christian Services and other organizations on the afghan refugees coming to West Michigan. Gwen Unzicker was also on the line to answer any questions the commissioners may have had.
- b. Community Mental Health-Lynne Doyle said that their numbers are the highest she has ever seen them, and many requests are services for kids. They are also dealing with reduced staffing challenges, like everyone across the state. They are working on recruiting and retaining staff. They are also very busy implementing their over \$8 million in grant programs. She is planning to ask for some additional positions at the finance meeting next week. She then reminded the committee about the 2 CMH bills that are out there right now and her concerns about them.

Mr. Terpstra left at 10:01 a.m.

- c. Community Action Agency-Jen Brozowski updated that they have a water assistance program starting on November 1. This will help cover past due water payments. They were awarded \$500,000 in the grant. She said that they have spent half (\$50,000) of the eviction eversion grant. And finally, they will also be posting for a current vacant position.
- d. Human Services Coordinating Council- Patrick Cisler said that they have wrapped up a lot of their direct human service responses to Covid. They are looking at long term human services need for Ottawa County. He is also helping with the efforts for the afghan refugees.
- e. Department of Human Services – Kendra Spanjer updated that they are working in collaboration with Ottawa Area ISD for an early education initiative. They have hired for this role. She also talked about some other initiatives they are working on. She then gave food assistance updates. And finally, she said they have received 4 applications for the afghan refugees.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.