

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: September 14, 2000

TIME: 1:35 p.m.

PLACE: FIA Building (old), Holland

PRESENT: Cynthia Visscher, Jane M. Ruiters, Edward Berghorst

ABSENT: Joyce Kortman, Frederick VanderLaan, Harris Schipper

STAFF: Loren Snippe, FIA Director; Bill Lamain, Health Director; Cathy Simons, Employment & Training Director; Greg Rappleye, Legal Counsel; Gerry Cyranowski, CMH Program Director; Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk

MEDIA

Quorum not present.

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Criteria of information to be included for review of plans, grant applications, etc. - Brief discussion.

Joyce Kortman arrived at 1:40 p.m.

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

Approved by consent the Minutes of the August 10, 2000 meeting as presented.

HHS 00-030 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and amended to add Action Item #1 - Letter of Intent.

Moved by: Berghorst Supported by: Ruiters UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: LETTER OF INTENT

HHS 00-031 Motion: To request the Board Chairman to write a Letter of Intent for the Ottawa Area Housing Coalition.

Moved by: Kortman Supported by: Ruiters UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Report on Domestic Violence - It was questioned what the system looks like in Ottawa County and is it working? Mark Knudsen handed out a chart that shows the complexity of domestic violence and how the Community Policing is working in the county. The Planning Department is gathering criminal justice data back to 1994 in hopes of establishing better programs.

3. Quality of Life - implementation, bench marking, future plans - Questioned what is the county's level of commitment at this time. Administration asked Planning for a County Data Book about a year ago. They are working on this at the present time with hopes of it being completed by February 2001. The plan will be to have a motion at the next meeting with several options to go before a Work Session.

5. Department Reports -

Cathy Simons - Invited the committee to participate in the upcoming Michigan Works! forums. Also, on October 16th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., there will be a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. Invitations will be sent to the Commissioners.

Gerry Cyranowski - Discussed the Reinvestment Plan which includes improving the quality of life for the mentally ill by 1) employment opportunities; 2) independent living in the community; and 3) family support services. Working on agency wide coordination of care. Getting away from case management and going to direct service to the consumers. CMH will be reducing layers of management. Ten positions to be reclassified resulting in \$90,000 in savings. CMH wants to add six direct care position and a couple to the access center. Hopefully to be completed by October.

Loren Snippe - Explained the Michigan Bridge Card which does electronic benefit transfers. There will be no more mailing out of food stamps, checks or cash. Benefits will be put on debt cards. The State has contracted with City Bank and hopes to begin in February 2001.

SUBJECT: ATTACHMENTS

Wrap Around Family Support Network - Report to County Commission - Loren Snippe explained Cora Visscher put together this report. Consensus of the Committee is to forward this to the full Board and have Cora come in and make a presentation.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.