

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: May 10, 2001

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: FIA Bldg., Lighthouse Room, Holland

PRESENT: Cynthia Visscher, Edward Berghorst, Frederick VanderLaan, Joyce Kortman

ABSENT: Jane Ruiters, Joseph Haveman

STAFF: Bill Lamain, Health Director; Susan Cervantes, Community Action Agency; Cathy Simons, Employment & Training Director; Rudolph Lie, Mental Health Director; Loren Snippe, FIA Director; Peter Trezise, Michigan Dept. of Community Health; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk

MEDIA

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 01-029 Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2001 meeting as presented and approve the agenda of today as presented.

Moved by: VanderLaan Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

Joseph Haveman arrived at 1:35 p.m.

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF ACCREDITATION OF OTTAWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

HHS 01-030 Motion: To accept the presentation of the accreditation of Ottawa County Health Department by the Michigan Department of Community Health and forward to the full Board.

Moved by: VanderLaan Supported by: Haveman UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE - BOARD OF APPEALS

HHS 01-031 Motion: To recommend the appointments of Gerald Feenstra and Frederick W. Schwallier to the Ottawa County Environmental Health Code - Board of Appeals (two vacancies) and to forward the applications of Gerald Feenstra and Frederick W. Schwallier

to the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by: VanderLaan Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

HHS 01-032 Motion: To recommend the appointment of _____ to the Workforce Development Board representing Community Based Organizations (one vacancy) and to forward the applications of Mark E. Brouwer and Richard Diamond to the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by: VanderLaan Supported by: Berghorst

HHS 01-033 Motion: To amend motion HHS 01-032 to recommend the appointment of Richard Diamond to the Workforce Development Board.

Moved by: Kortman Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

A vote was then taken on the motion as amended and the amended motion passed.

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Homelessness and affordable housing in Ottawa County - Susan Cervantes explained the Point in Time NOACC Presentation. Nationally, requests for shelter rose 15%. In Ottawa County, requests for shelter rose 17%. Families seeking shelter rose 17% nationally and 19% in Ottawa County. Persons between the ages of 46-65 are at a 10 year high. 1/3 of all homeless persons seeking shelter are doing so for the first time. Cost of housing is skyrocketing compared to wages. Community Action Agency needs the support of the Commissioners. Cathy Simons to report back to the Committee.

2. Human Services Coordinating Council April Minutes - Bill Lamain reported Arbor Circle hired a full-time therapist. The "Girls on the Run" program is going strong and is the largest program in the nation.

3. Department Reports- CMH - Dr. Lie has spoken with the CMH Director in Muskegon and he hasn't heard anything from the State yet. Dr. Lie reported that a draft of the CMH proposal will be out next month.

Employment & Training - Cathy Simons reported there is a Michigan Works Service Center that is now opened in Grand Haven in the D&W Plaza.

Health Department - Bill Lamain reported a high response to the computer recycling that was done in Jenison. It was also discussed that Women in Transition will accept old cell phones. The phones are then programmed for 911 only and given out.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

HHS 01-034 Motion: To adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Moved by: Haveman Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS