

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: December 3, 2003

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Joyce Kortman, Jane Ruiter, Edward Berghorst, Jane Ruiter

ABSENT: Cornelius Vander Kam

STAFF & GUESTS: Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Cathy Simons, MI Works! Director; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Loren Snippe, FIA Director; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Garry & Sharon Smeyers; Gerry Cyranowski, CMH Director; Vito Palazzolo, Health Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Media

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 03-033 Motion: To approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2003, meeting as presented and to approve the agenda of today as presented.

Moved by: Berghorst Supported by: Ruiter UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: APPEALS BOARD FOR SANITARY CODE

HHS 03-034 Motion: To forward the applications of Gerald Feenstra, James N. Paggeot, and Frederick W. Schwallier as candidates for two (2) openings for a three year term beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2006 on the Appeals Board for Sanitary Code.

Moved by: Berghorst Supported by: Ruiter UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: APPEALS BOARD FOR SANITARY CODE

HHS 03-035 Motion: To forward the applications of Larry L. Kieft and *Jolyda Swain as candidates for one (1) opening to complete an unexpired term which began January 1, 2002 and ends December 31, 2004 on the Appeals Board for Sanitary Code.

Moved by: Kortman Supported by: Berghorst UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Smeyers Issue - Loren Snippe, FIA Director, gave an overview of FIA's responsibilities with Child Abuse Services and concerns in Ottawa County. It was questioned if it was possible to make it a mandate for anyone working with children to have a lien check done. The Committee doesn't believe this can be mandated at the county level but could encourage churches and others to have lien checks done. It was suggested that the Planning Commission look at building codes for openness and visibility in children's classrooms for the protection of the children.

Loren stated educational pieces would be a good start.

Mr. Smeyers reported child abuse is a very global problem. Churches have covered the issues. He stated this is a very critical problem in our society and in the future.

“Child Abuse in this Community” to come back next month as a discussion item and ideas of what can be done.

2. Children's Mental Health Services in Ottawa County - Gerry Cyranowski reported CMH has a lot of prevention activities going on in the County. CMH is very involved with the Wrap-A-Round program. He reported the Juvenile Detention Center has a lot of programs on their own. He distributed a list of potential problems the CMH staff put together. The Collaborative Body to compare the United Way indicators and general data arrived at and report back to the Health & Human Services Committee.

3. Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body - The Multipurpose Collaborative Body Report was presented by Vito Palazzolo. Greg Rappleye questioned the need to reevaluate the Collaborative Body. He will put the Resolution on the next Health & Human Services Agenda to review. Mrs. Kortman reported there is an interest at the state level for a Collaborative Body for children.

4. Department Reports -

CMH - Gerry Cyranowski reported Governor Granholm has postponed until next week what the new budget cuts will be. He has been hearing from the State that the CMH system should not be impacted.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.