

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: September 3, 2008

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Joyce Kortman, Jane Ruiter, James Holtrop, James Holtvluwer

ABSENT: Matthew Hehl

STAFF & GUESTS: Betty O'Rourke, CMH; Dr. Paul Heidel, Medical Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer; Jessica Kinser, Management Financial Analyst; Donna Cornwell, Human Services Coordinating Council Director; Loren Snippe, DHS Director; Bill Raymond, MI Works!/CAA Director; Greg Rapple, Corporation Counsel; Media; Janet Shangle, Great Start Coordinator

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

HHS 08-015 Motion: To approve the Agenda of today as presented and to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2008, meeting as presented.
Moved by: Holtvluwer UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: FUNDING OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (PA 2 MONIES)

HHS 08-16 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Resolution to provide that PA 2 funding for substance abuse services be redirected from the Lakeshore Coordinating Council to Ottawa County, for distribution by the County.
Moved by: Holtrop UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. How can this Ottawa County committee impact state and national policy? Mrs. Kortman suggested this Committee could receive concerns, pass Resolutions and forward them to the full Board for approval. The Resolutions could then be presented to the county lobbyists so political stands could be conveyed. The Committee agreed to move forward and have proposed or pending legislation and/or policy as a monthly discussion item on the Health and Human Services Agenda.

2. Presentation: Great Start Collaborative – Ottawa County Three-Year Strategic Plan – Janet Shangle, Great Start Coordinator, presented the Strategic Plan and Action Agenda. The program is funded with federal, state and private funds with a yearly budget of \$165,000. North Ottawa Committee Hospital recently joined the Great Start Collaborative.
3. Update: Human Services Coordinating Council – Donna Caldwell reported the Council has recently been working on the following:
 - Indicators (looking at 12 – 15)
 - Access to Health (Dental and Mental Health are the two biggest issues.)
 - Access to Services

Mrs. Kortman requested an update on “Access to Care” at the next meeting.

4. Departmental Updates:

Department of Human Services – Loren Snippe reported the State DHS Department was sued by Children’s Rights out of New York. This has been going on for over a year. A settlement was reached in July of \$50 million a year owed by the State of Michigan. Loren stated there will be a significant impact on services provided as well as the number of staff which will be added. This lawsuit will generate a lot of new policies.

Mr. Holtvluwer left at 2:07 p.m.

CMH – Betty O’Rourke reported the Ferrysburg facility is moving along. The target opening date is set for September 15th.

Public Health – Dr. Heidel report there has been a huge drop in West Nile cases this season with only one reported in Michigan. He also stated there is a shortage of rabies vaccines in the country and that new vaccines are being produced in a limited number.

Lisa Stefanovsky reported there are three active TB cases in Ottawa County and two are very complicated. There have also been three positive HIV cases in the county so far this year.

5. Michigan Department of Health Study – Mrs. Kortman encouraged everyone to take a look at the study as it is available on the department’s web site.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.