

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dawn Bales, Chris Wittenbach, Nancy Jenkins-Arno

MEETING LOCATION

Committee Room, 2nd Floor
Annex Building, 113 W. Front Street, Adrian, MI

MINUTES: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Bales, Jenkins-Arno, and Wittenbach

Also Present: Martha Hall, Cari Rebottaro, Martin Marshall, Kim Murphy and Rebecca Borton

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Wittenbach, to approve the July 7, 2020, minutes. Motion carried.

II. Department Highlights

Health Department: Martha Hall reported that there were 164 new cases of Coronavirus in July. Although this is a substantial number, the current percentage of positive rate has dropped slightly.

Child immunizations are available for the upcoming school year. A medical waiver now has to be signed at the Health Department if the parent chooses to opt out of immunizations, if it's not a health-related waiver.

A case of Equine Encephalitis has been reported in Clare County.

The Health Department is working with local schools as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Department on Aging: Cari Rebottaro reported that more homecare services have been available, while senior centers and Daybreak remain closed.

The Safe, Sound, and Secure event will be replaced with radio ads on relevant awareness issues.

The Senior Expo has been cancelled, but the LDA will continue with resource outreach opportunities.

Walk to End Alzheimer's has gone virtual; everyone is encouraged to participate. The LDA has challenged other team goals and is still raising funds. Display signs are provided for \$100 donation.

The LDA is seeking volunteer drivers.

III. Updates / Other Business

Minutes from the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging and Human Services Collaborative were available.

Marty noted that the Lenawee Community Mental Health continues to host facebook live events.

IV. Plan Objectives

County wellness programs: Employees continue to be encouraged to get their wellness exam. The first Blue Cross Blue Shield status report comes in later this fall.

County financial wellness program: Employees are taking advantage of the financial wellness program.

It was noted that employee participation in virtual meetings appears to be higher than in-person meetings.

Other Business: Future guest speakers were discussed; some possible topics included Lenawee Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, the County Health Assessment process, and racial bias.

Frank Naugle will be invited to the September Human Services Committee meeting to discuss the TED Talk on *How racial bias works and how to disrupt it*.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Jenkins-Arno, to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m. Motion carried.