

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



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MEMBERS

Dawn Bales, Chris Wittenbach, Nancy Jenkins-Arno

MEETING LOCATION

Committee Room, 2nd Floor
Old Courthouse, 301 N. Main Street, Adrian, MI

MINUTES: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 1:30 p.m.

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Present: Commissioners Bales, Jenkins-Arno, Wittenbach, and Stimpson

Also Present: Martha Hall, Cari Rebottaro, and Kim Murphy

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Wittenbach to approve the August 13, 2019, minutes. Motion carried.

II. Department Highlights

Cari Rebottaro stated that the Department on Aging will be busy over the next couple of weeks. The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be this Sunday starting at 2:00 p.m. On September 17th the Senior Lifestyle Expo will take place at the Merchants Building at the Fair Grounds. There are in excess of 30 vendors taking part in this event. On September 19th the Department will be holding its "All Staff" meeting at the 4-H Center. They will be discussing wellness and engagement. On September 26th, the Family Caregiver Workshop will be held at the Adrian Senior Center from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Martha Hall stated that she participated in a town hall panel on vaping. She said that there are over 450 cases of lung disease currently in the U.S. There are 6 cases in the State of Michigan. There have been 5 deaths to date associated with vaping. The Health Department received a small grant for opioid education. One of her nurses has been providing educational seminars at the local senior centers and various civic organizations. During one of the sessions, in conjunction with the Sheriff, they performed a drug take back where they took in over 10 pounds of medications in a 2-hour period. The Health Department is continuing to perform immunization clinics as children prepare to return to school. Martha also reported that their office has been involved in a Ground Water Restriction Zone that applies to 4 or 5 properties in the City of Tecumseh. She anticipates that matter coming before the Board of Commissioners within the next couple of months.

Other: Minutes from Region 2 Area Agency on Aging were available for review.

III. Legislative Dinner

The Legislative Dinner is currently scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Human Services Building. The normal caterer has gone out of business. Other venue options and catering were discussed. After a lot of discussion, the Committee stated that due to the loss of the caterer and the number of building projects currently underway, they are of the opinion that the November legislative dinner should be cancelled. The

Committee suggested that it may be time to reconsider the way the legislative message is delivered. There will be more discussions over the next couple of months.

IV. Updates / Other Business

There was no other business.

V. Plan Objectives

County Employee Wellness Programs: Interactive emails are being sent to all employees on a regular basis regarding “SmartDollar”, the financial wellness program. Participation continues to grow. The online portal that can be accessed from any computer or electronic device with internet access and workshops are being conducted in multiple county buildings to give ample opportunity to attend at a time that is convenient for them.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Jenkins-Arno, to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. Motion carried.