

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dawn Bales, Chris Wittenbach, Nancy Jenkins-Arno

MEETING LOCATION

Airport Committee Room
2651 W. Cadmus Rd, Adrian, MI

MINUTES: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Frank Nagle (LISD), Martha Hall, Martin Marshall, and Kim Murphy

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Stimpson, to approve the September 8, 2020, minutes. Motion carried.

II. Guest Speaker

Frank Nagle provided an update from the Lenawee Health Network and the Collective Impact Core group.

A health assessment survey was distributed earlier this year and a draft of the deadline for submission is November 30th. They anticipate having results available the first part of 2021.

Mr. Nagle went on to talk about local disparities, health equity, and the social determinants of health. He concluded with information regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion and recommended the book *BIASED* by Jennifer L. Eberhardt.

III. Department Highlights

Health Department: Martha Hall reported that they have received some flu vaccines and have started flu clinics. They are awaiting additional supplies of the flu vaccine so they can continue with additional clinics. She updated the Committee on the current COVID statistics and reviewed what contact tracing is. She stated that for every positive case there are approximately ten contacts. There have been approximately 900 positive COVID cases to date with 104 being active. The Health Department is gearing up and planning for the administering of the COVID vaccine. The Environmental Health staff continues to educate businesses on safe practices during this pandemic. Martha also stated that the number of sewer and water permits are on par with those pulled last year.

Department on Aging: Cari Rebottaro was not able to attend, but did submit some updates from the Department on Aging.

Senior centers will not be opening soon but the LDA is starting to explore winter season activities.

She also wanted to remind individuals that we at Lenawee Department on Aging is preparing for the annual open enrollment for Medicare Part D. This year they are unable to meet with clients face to face, but through a team of staff and volunteers, are able to make connections over the phone and through the mail. Open enrollment is from October 15 to December 7.

In addition, Senior Centers are looking for ways to provide safe activities for older adults as the weather becomes to chilly for meeting in the parks and parking lots. Daybreak remains closed, but more and more individuals are getting respite assistance in their homes. Homemaker and Personal Care services continue to have a wait list as we rebuild schedules. Volunteer transportation numbers are increasing to meet the needs of clients.

IV. Plan Objectives

Martin Marshall reported that the county's health insurance renewal rate was extremely low this year and attributes part of that to employees and their spouses getting annual health exams and taking their on-line health assessments.

He also noted that Social Security Administration conducted a zoom meeting with county employees to discuss how to prepare for retirement. There will be another meeting on October 15th.

V. Updates / Other Business

Minutes from the Human Services Collaborative, Region 2 Area Agency on Aging, and the Department on Aging were included for the Committee's review.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Wittenbach, seconded by Jenkins-Arno, to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m. Motion carried.