

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Monday, May 6, 2024

I. Call to Order

Present: Comm. Dawn Bales, Comm James Van Doren, Comm. Karen Bolton

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Marketing & Communications Jen Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Department on Aging Director Cari Rebottaro, Health Officer Monica Hunt, Specialty Court Co-Coordinator Theresa Rupley, Mary Bohling MSU Extension, Caroline Schwartz MSU Extension

Absent: Kevon Martis

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Comm. Bolton.

Comm. Martis was unable to attend. Comm. Bolton appointed Comm. VanDoren to act as a voting member of the committee.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: April 1, 2024

Motion by Bales, seconded by VanDoren to approve the minutes of April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

III. MSU Extension Presentation- Mary Bohling

A. Powerpoint-MSU Presentation

B. 2023 MSU Annual Report

Mary Bohling is the Director for District 12 MSU Extension and provided an overview of their organization. MSU Extension services Lenawee county to connect individuals, communities, and businesses. The programs are open to all residents, to connect individuals in Lenawee. Each county they work with vary on services provided. They service 14 districts in the State of MI. Lenawee County is in district 12, along with five other counties. They have various departments in the organization that primarily focus on AG, AG business, crops, and live stock. Many of the educators that work in Lenawee do not all reside in Lenawee. Bohling reported they have a Community Foods program, working with new businesses. They also have a Children and Youth institute providing workshops to 4H youth members. The MSU Extension Annual Report for 2023 is included in the packet, providing specifics

about the organization.

Bohling shared that they have an "Ask an Expert" feature available on their website. Questions may be submitted online, and it is directed to an MSUE staff member to answer or assist in getting an answer.

They offer kits to test soil and that has been popular among residential gardeners and farmers. Soil test kits may be purchased at their Lenawee location. 492 programs were attended last year by residents; 4,700 individuals and over 1,900 of those were young people. Their Social Media reaches are highest in Lenawee County.

Bohling introduced her newest employee, Caroline Schwartz and Schwartz provided a brief overview of what she does in her position.

Rebottaro of the Department of Aging appreciates MSUE for the Planting Seeds for Health program. Rebottaro thanks MSUE for the hard work done to enhance the environment at the senior centers.

Bohling shares they are planning to work with local farmers, to inform them of their program "Senior Market FRESH". The program is wonderful and she is hopeful to collaborate with local farmers for the resources needed to run the program.

IV. Department Highlights

A. Health Department - Monica Hunt

Health Officer Hunt reported the community event "Every Door is the Right Door" is on June 7th from 9-11:30am at the Lenawee County Human Services Building. This free event is meant for the community to learn from various agencies and resources in one place.

Rural Health has approved a workplan to collaborate with transportation organizations to increase access to healthcare resources and healthy food.

Hunt reported the Human services building was able to secure three stairway evacuation chairs, to easily assist individuals in the need of an emergency.

The Health Department has also released a Healthy Lenawee Community Cookbook. A downloadable version is available on the website. In addition, residents may submit their healthy recipes, also located on the County Website.

B. Department on Aging - Cari Rebottaro

Rebottaro shared highlights regarding her department. She informed the typical expense for the program is approximately \$356,000/year and only approx. \$12,000 of that comes from grants. Rebottaro stated they rely on the imposed mileage for the remainder of expenses. The funding provides the seven senior centers with an ability to run at an affordable rate.

C. Community Development - Francine Zysk

Coordinator Zysk reported they are awaiting the results of the application for the MSHDA grant, submitted by the Region K housing initiative.

Zysk has been working to bring broadband internet to the County. They recently discovered a service provider claiming they have a service in the County. However, the service is not available to residents.

The Recovery Housing subcommittee meets monthly and every month a guest speaker comes to provide information. LandBank policies and procedures are up-to-date and a Landbank 101 speaker will be coming in June. Zysk reported that Narcan training is continually being provided to County organizations.

1) Powerpoint- Highlights of Yavapai County, AZ

The PEER opportunity Exchange was attended by Judge Schadeler, Theresa Rupley, and Francine Zysk. Included in the packet is further information on the Yavapai Justice Collaborative and a brief overview.

Coordinator Zysk shared highlights of the presentation given at the conference. Over the course of two years, they found success in the changes made. They brought the County Sheriff, Behavioral Health, Inmate Services, County Attorney, Wexford Health, County Presiding Judge, Adult Probation, Polara, Specturm Health, and Northern Arizona University for the development of an integrated model to create Yavapai Justice Collaborative.

Yavapai County implemented a dedicated 911 that distinguishes the need for behavioral health and law enforcement. Over the years, they have found over 84% of the calls were behavioral health and only 16% were law enforcement.

Zysk reported the initial step was getting personnel trained on Mental Health first aide. Once that was completed, they found violent crimes were deescalated, because everyone had the same training and were speaking the same language. The conversations around mental health and drug substance disorder were more productive.

They also coordinated a Community Connections Board, where the various organizations came together to coordinate various crossed services. State-funded grants are available to these boards. Additional funding for this collaborative was possible when they pooled department funds together, along with opioid and other funds.

After Zysk, Schadeler, and Rupley left the conference, they discussed what next steps could the County take to implement something similar to Yavapai County? Zysk proposes to send two Lenawee County employees to be trained in Mental Health First Aid. Those two employees would have the potential to train 100 other county employees per year.

Zysk shared this opportunity to attend the PEER Exchange Team was 100% reimburseable, and Lenawee was one of four counties in the United States to attend.

A discussion opened up regarding if it has been determined where the funding for employee training would come from? Administrator Murphy stated this is the very beginning stages and additional conversation would happen in the future. Those discussions would need to include the proper parties and planning.

Zysk reported Community Corrections grant is available annually and Coordinator Zysk will be working with Deputy Elliott to establish this process. It has not been done in the County since 2009.

2) Yavapai Justice Collaborative

Additional presentation & information was included in the packet by Zysk, from the conference.

V. Updates & Other Business

A. Local Septic Analysis & Proposed Statewide Septic Code Highlights- Monica Hunt Health Officer Hunt provided 2 reports in the packet: *Environmental Health Code Analysis and Highlights of Pending Statewide Sanitary Code*. Comm. Bolton opened discussion that Comm. Martis in the past would like to see additional information regarding the cost of septic in Lenawee County, compared to other counties. Officer Hunt stated the inspection fees have not been changed in over 10 years. She informed the committee that cost differences could vary based on several things i.e. type of build, size, contractor, etc. Unless you have the exact same conditions and specifications, it is hard to narrow down one specific reason for the cost difference. No further discussion was held.

Hunt provided an overview regarding the pending changes to the Statewide Sanitary Code. The new legislation includes changes that could impact both citizens and the county. Hunt stated the new documentation includes a lot of language and deciphering it has been a little challenging. For citizens, changes include existing systems being inspected every 5 years. For that inspection, the septic tank should not be pumped out within 45 days prior to inspection. Fines are implemented for failure of inspection. Hunt states the cost of this every 5 years is approximately \$750-\$870, per system for citizens.

Hunt stated an additional amendment is expected to come to the proposal. Hunt also shared that the current bill implies it is optional to participate, but she is awaiting confirmation. Comments have been submitted to the state level from many counties, including Lenawee, regarding the impact it will have on many county residents. Also, there is no database showing all septic tanks, and she understands it will be the responsibility of the counties to determine that. Hunt also shared that there is no additional funding available. Currently there are no inspections being done on existing septic, only done on new builds. After that, an inspection is done at the 10th year, then every 5 thereafter. Hunt will continue to bring forward information as she receives it.

B. 2024 Policies- Kim Murphy

- Code of Ethics
- Conflict of Interest
- Enhanced Public Participation

Administrator Murphy would like the committee members to sign off on the three included policies that were passed in, and submit to Administrator's office. All Lenawee County Employees received these from LocalGov.U.

VI. 2024 Goals

- A. Visiting Community Organizations - June- Habitat for Humanity - July - Adrian Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic

Organizations who received ARPA funds are being contacted to come and speak to the committee. Habitat for Humanity is scheduled in June, and Adrian Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic is scheduled in July.

- B. Wells & Septic

Officer Hunt provided overview earlier.

- C. Planning for Strategic Plan

Administrator reports no updates on the County Wide Plan. This will be a plan for 2025, with the new commission.

- D. Scholarship Fundraising

The LISD ceremony will take place this Sunday and the two recipients will be awarded their scholarships. The goal was met by the commissioners.

- E. Attendance at Legislative Meeting

Deputy Elliott reported 55 people have registered for this event. Comm. Bolton would like to see the Agenda.

Deputy Elliott would like to start planning dates for the Fall Dinner. Discussion will be brought forward next month. LISD closes during the summer months and early planning will allow for proper discussions.

VII. Public Comment

Caroline Schwartz made a public comment and asked when the new policies will be available to the public? Administrator Murphy shared all policies are listed on the Lenawee County Website.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bales, Seconded by Van Doren to adjourn the meeting at 12:06pm. Motion carried.