

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Monday, November 4, 2024

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Karol Bolton, Kevon Martis, Dawn Bales, Terry Collins, James Van Doren

Also Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Community

Present: Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Marketing & Communications Jen Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, , Health Officer Monica Hunt, Adrian Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic Sarang Patel PA-C and Melinda Stubli

Absent: Department on Aging Director Cari Rebottaro

Comm. Bales was not present at the call of meeting; Comm. Bolton appointed Comm. Collins as a voting member of the committee.

Comm. Bales arrived shortly after.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: October 7, 2024

Motion by Martis to accept the minutes of October 7, 2024, seconded by Collins. Motion carried.

III. Presentation: Adrian Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic- Sarang Patel, PA-C & CEO

Adrian Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic (ACPC) Sarang Patel, PA-C & CEO gave a short presentation to the committee. ACPC was one of the recipients of the ARPA funding from the County.

Their clinic sees patients of all ages for mental health medication management. Patel stated the grant funding received has helped them provide access to care in Lenawee County. The practice is private and family owned; accepting all insurance and/or anyone who comes to their office. Patel shared their office thrives to be self-sustaining, and no other grants have been applied for since receiving the County ARPA funds.

Patel discussed the many changes their private practice faced during COVID time, and after. The grant funding assisted them to hire 2 additional full-time employees, 5 additional NP-PA's, and over 15 Therapists/Counselors. They strive to see anyone who contacts their office and is in need within 7 days. In addition, there are many HIPAA-compliant requirements

to enforce; additional staff have assisted with implementing these. The additional staff that has been added to their practices has helped to improve the care and access for Lenawee County residents.

Patel shared that their clinic is now able to administer Spravato; an intra-nasal Ketamin medication that is used for acute suicidal ideation and treatment resistant depression.

Some possible challenges ahead to the clinic were shared, which include patient transportation issues and proposed changes to MDHHS and Medicaid HMO contract agreements. Patel further discussed the proposed changes stating patients with "severe mental health" would be required to seek physician care at CMH or PHIHP contracted clinics only. This would mean privately owned practices could no longer care for patients, reducing access to mental health services for thousands of patients in Michigan. Patel stated that currently the wait for CMH is very long.

A discussion was held about ACPC is an out-patient clinic, and they are unable to provide in-patient care. Patel discussed when an individual needs in-patient care, they have to enter the ER room; at times, the ER sends them back to their clinic. Patel stated he has attempted and would like to have additional discussions with in-patient care facilities, to build a relationship, to better serve the community.

IV. Department Highlights

A. Health Department - Monica Hunt

Health Officer Monica Hunt included her department's monthly report in the packet. Hunt stated they have ongoing immunization clinics and STI/reproductive health clinics.

Planning for the "Take Control of your Birth Control" Campaign is underway. This is to provide access to resources and promoting reproductive freedom. There will be access to birth control pills, plan B, condoms, and educational resources.

Hunt shared that draft 8 of the proposed MI Wells & Septic plan is expected to be released soon. Hunt will continue to update the committee, as she receives information. She stated a draft is expected to be submitted to the Senate soon. Additionally, Hunt stated that MAC had an issue brief that opposed the Wells & Septic plan, available to the committee upon request.

B. Department on Aging - Cari Rebottaro

Director Rebottaro was unable to attend but included her monthly report in the packet. This month is National Family Caregiver Month, it is important to recognize the great work done by Lenawee Department on Aging to support family caregivers.

C. Community Development - Francine Zysk

Coordinator Zysk recently attended the Broadband summit. She stated two ISP providers are considering coming to Lenawee County, depending on the outcome of the Bead Grant. This past year, there have been providers stating they have fiber services, when they actually do not. Zysk learned that 5 states have challenged these companies.

Zysk is working with the Courts to submit an Opioid mapping grant and waiting to hear the outcome of that.

A second meeting, for planning an Opioid dashboard, is next week, which Zysk will be attending.

Zysk is working on the required documentation for the MSHDA grant that will be used for musical instruments at Gerber Park.

V. Updates & Other Business

The Lenawee Legislative Dinner is next week. There will be a presentation about the Department on Aging and Murphy will be presenting the "State of the County".

Administrator Murphy shared some statistics from the Early Voting. This was the first early voting for a General Election and all County residents except Fairfield Twp had option to go. Early voting was held at Human Service Building; 813 voters on Friday, 793 Saturday, and 866 Sunday, plus Fairfield Twp. Over 7,000 voters utilized the early voting in Lenawee. Murphy commended the hard work from the County Clerks office and all of the election workers.

VI. 2024 Goals

Visiting Community Organizations | Wells and Septic | Planning for Strategic Plan | Scholarship Fundraising | Attendance at Legislative Meeting |

Comm. Bolton discussed the funds for 2025 Scholarship will be next year, along with the Strategic Plan.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Martis, Second by Bales to adjourn the meeting at 11:37am. Motion carried.