HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
September 16, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Tennis, Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebolt, Slaughter, Stivers, and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Major Darin Southworth, Linda Vail, Da’Neese Wells, Kelli Zurek, Jared Cypher, Beth Foster, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tennis at 6:00 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the August 26, 2019 Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON TENNIS STATED THE AUGUST 26, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Additions to the Agenda

3. Resolution Designating October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in Ingham County

Removed –

1. Health Department
   e. Resolution to Authorize Amendment #4 to the Agreement with MDHHS for Refugee Health Assessments

Limited Public Comment

None

MOVED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MORGAN, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

1. Health Department
   b. Resolution to Authorize Amendment #5 to the 2018-2019 Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
   c. Resolution to Authorize a Fifth Year of the Americorps*Vista Grant Cycle for 2019-2020
   d. Resolution to Adopt Ingham County Health Department Incentive Program for Medical Providers Policy
   f. Resolution to Accept FY 2020 Child and Adolescent Health Center Program Funds
g. Resolution to Accept Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Funding Award from HRSA
h. Resolution to Amend Resolution #17-355 Ryan White (RW) Part D Funding to Support MSU Contract for Infectious Disease Provider
i. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Southeastern Michigan Health Association

2. Board Referrals
   a. Letter from Andrea Pierce, Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party Chairperson, Opposing the Enbridge Resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel
   b. Resolution 19-94C from the Huron County Board of Commissioners Supporting the Use of Local County Funds for Local Community Mental Health Services
   c. Resolution from the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Regarding the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003

3. Resolution Designating October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in Ingham County

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Health Department
   a. Building Bridges between Jails and Community Grant Update (Medication Assisted Treatment Best Practices) (Discussion)

Linda Vail, Health Officer, introduced Major Darin Southworth, Corrections Major, Kelli Zurek, Corrections Health Administrator, and Da’Neese Wells, 55th District Court Chief Probation Officer. She further stated that Chas Koop, Assistant Prosecutor, Ericanne Spence, CEI Community Mental Health Director, were also team members but could not be present at the Human Services Committee meeting.

Ms. Vail gave an update on the Building Bridges between Jails and Community Grant.

Ms. Wells stated that this was a great example of interagency cooperation and further summarized the project.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that this was what made Ingham County great and complemented the team for taking the risk. He asked when other jails would create similar programs.

Ms. Vail stated that she would think and hope that medication assisted treatment programs would become more prevalent in jails. She further stated that it was a complicated process, as it was not easy to obtain all the licensing for methadone and buprenorphine and that you needed waivered providers.

Ms. Vail stated that in addition to those difficulties, it was also a new wave of acceptance of medication assisted treatment as a viable evidence based alternative. She further stated that it
was not that long since medication assisted treatment was viewed as a crutch and that some people still believed that abstinence was the only way to go.

Ms. Vail stated that if you had something like diabetes for a lifetime, there was no judgement overtaking medication for a lifetime. She further stated that it was an uphill battle against the stigma of treating opioid addiction as an illness that required medication.

Commissioner Trubac stated thanked the team and commended them for doing more than saving lives, but also saving families who are at risk of having their world destroyed. He asked if there was a process to determine dosing.

Ms. Vail there was a screening process built in at intake.

Commissioner Trubac stated that a lot of times when people were released from jail their tolerance had changed and they ended up overdosing.

Ms. Vail stated that that was why it was important to get those people treatment in jail and that those who are identified as being at risk when released were provided a kit which included Narcan.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked how hard it was to follow up with people once they were released.

Ms. Wells stated that some people in jail did not end up charged or convicted and this also reaches those people. She stated that while it could be hard to follow up with transient populations, they were coordinating ways to ensure that everyone received follow-up.

Ms. Zurek stated that one of the resources would be a caseworker who would connect with people in the jail and help them with follow-up.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she loved hearing that the County was honing in and shepherding those who needed help through this vital process.

Discussion.

Major Southworth stated that when the team attended the Building Bridges workshop, they found out that the County was already doing a lot of things very well, which was reassuring. He further stated that he had grown over the past few years to understand that addiction was a disease and needed to be treated that way.

Major Southworth stated that the jail would have the finest and best practices in place to implement medication assisted treatment. He further stated that the investment made in jail medical was already reaping huge benefits, including the handoff to the outside community.

Major Southworth stated that this grant set up for a secondary grant for medication assisted treatment implementation funding, which would help lighten future budget requests. He further
stated that there was a video about addiction and dopamine that would be sent to the Commissioners, if it had not been already, and encouraged everyone to watch.

Commissioner Morgan stated that, regarding the investment in jail medical, it was important to have trained, qualified, and well-compensated County employees working in jail medical, rather than a revolving cast, and that he was glad that the Board of Commissioners made that decision.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if there were still positions open in jail medical.

Ms. Vail stated that there were.

Chairperson Tennis thanked everyone.

Commissioner Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.