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THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE ROOM (D & E), HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [January 31, 2011 Minutes](#)

Additions to the Agenda

Limited Public Comment

1. Health Department
 - a. Resolution Authorizing Contracts to Distribute County [Urban Redevelopment Funds](#)
 - b. Resolution Honoring [Debra Otis](#)

2. Board of Commissioners - Resolution Calling on the State of Michigan to Preserve the State Earned [Income Tax Credit](#)

Announcements

Public Comment

Adjournment

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 31, 2011
Minutes

Members Present: Todd Tennis, Brian McGrain, Carol Koenig, Deb Nolan, Don Vickers, Steve Dougan and Board Chairperson Grebner

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jared Cypher, SuA'lyn Holbrook, Dr. Sienko, Mark Stevens and Laura Spees

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tennis at 6:30 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room "D & E" of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing.

Approval of the January 24, 2011 Minutes

The January 24, 2011 Minutes were amended to reflect the following:

The meeting was called to order by ~~Chairperson Grebner~~ change to **Chairperson Tennis**

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. VICKERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

3. Medical Care Facility - Resolution Granting Meridian Township an Easement for a Water Main Necessary for the Therapy Pool Under Construction at the Medical Care Facility
4. MSU Extension - Resolution Honoring Ginger Kenney-Sweet's 27 Years of Dedicated Service to the Ingham County MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY COMM. VICKERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN, TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Introduction - SuA'lyn Holbrook, Acting Cash Assistance and Adult Services Director, Ingham County Department of Human Services

Ms. Holbrook shared her background while working in Van Buren and Wayne Counties. She explained her staff customer service philosophy, specifically, education, empathy, and empowerment. She further explained that there is a new clientele that had not required assistance in the past, and some are embarrassed that they require the assistance.

Ms. Holbrook explained to the Committee that most people are not familiar with the chain of command for complaints, and most problems could be solved if the complaint was brought to her or the section manager rather than being bypassed. She asked the Committee if they receive a complaint to please make sure the chain of command is followed. Comm. Koenig asked if the complaint process is written or verbal. Ms. Holbrook stated it is typically a verbal complaint with some written complaints.

Comm. Vickers asked if cash assistance is the bridge card, and is heating or electrical assistance provided as well. Ms. Holbrook stated the bridge card among others. The heating and electrical assistance is capped, and is currently being cut; furthermore, the funds are diminishing quickly. She expressed her concern. Comm. Vickers asked if she foresees an increase in long term need. Ms. Holbrook explained she is in the process of hiring ten eligibility specialists who will be funded through the state. Comm. Koenig asked if there is assistance with property taxes. Ms. Holbrook stated no.

Ms. Holbrook informed the Committee of her intent to change the lobby so people may take a number and sit down instead of standing in lines. She noted this will make the elderly, pregnant women and others more comfortable while waiting. She also intends on providing the clientele with a survey in order to provide a better service.

Comm. Nolan asked if Ms. Holbrook worked at the Human Services Building. Ms. Holbrook replied downstairs in Wing 3.

Comm. McGrain asked if Ms. Holbrook preferred to be called Sue or SuA'lyn. Ms. Holbrook prefers SuA'lyn.

1a. Introduction - Mark Stevens, Administrator, Ingham County Medical Care Facility & Rehabilitation Services

Mr. Stevens shared his background with the Committee, informed them he was a former Ingham County employee and is pleased to be back.

Comm. Nolan stated she is pleased the Medical Care Facility is in her district, and is looking forward to the therapeutic pool. Mr. Stevens noted he expects the pool to be open late May. Comm. McGrain asked what his plans were for the next few years. Mr. Stevens stated his goal was to position the facility to be successful through the upcoming health care reform. He stated the short term goal is to complete an operational assessment, improving controls of staffing, supplies, in addition to market and sales presence to remain competitive.

Mr. Stevens informed the Committee of his intention of using reserves for an addition and remodeling within the building for the dementia population in the facility. The addition will help engage the patients connecting the areas with glass. This will allow the patient to feel less confined and see outside. Currently the area is walls, doors and locks. The reserves and occupancy were discussed.

2. Listening Ear (Community Agency) - Presentation (No Materials)

Ms. Laura Spees, Board Chairperson for the Listening Ear, thanked the Committee for their support. She was pleased to announce they had received a grant which allowed them to purchase a new building for the Sexual Assault Response Center and expects to move in by the end of this year.

Ms. Spees explained that the Listening Ear is a volunteer organization that is open 24 hours. She further explained that the majority of those in need are served by phone calls. The calls have been from various places and not always from those living in the Ingham County area. Ms. Spees passed out her business card and asked the Committee to please contact her if they are aware of any available funding sources either local or nationally.

5. Health Department

- a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Michigan Department of Human Services to Provide Nursing Care to Children in Foster Care

MOVED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE NURSING CARE TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

Comm. Vickers asked if \$100,000 will cover what needs to be accomplished. Dr. Sienko answered yes. Comm. McGrain inquired about the children's coverage they receive. Dr. Sienko stated he would provide Comm. McGrain with the coverage details. Comm. Grebner stated it was his assumption that foster care children are covered by Medicaid and the problem is moving it, reimbursement rates, and coordinated care. Comm. Nolan asked if the children would be seen at the Human Services Building. Dr. Sienko stated that some would be seen in the homes of families as well.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Washtenaw County Public Health to Deliver Workshop in Health Equity and Social Justice

MOVED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. VICKERS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH TO DELIVER WORKSHOP IN HEALTH EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Comm. Vickers asked for an explanation of the program and grant funding. Dr. Sienko explained that there is 1 FTE who is focused on the issue of social justice, the advancement of public health, and he has received a grant. He explained that the travel is funded through the grant.

Dr. Sienko stated that the poor are always on the short end of things and clearly social justice is served when you give people access to clean water and good hygiene. He noted that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation provided the County with grant funding to work with four health departments around the country in a pilot program.

Comm. McGrain shared his experience where the Ingham County Health Department provided a workshop at his place of employment.

Comm. Koenig asked if the workshop was in Ann Arbor. Dr. Sienko answered yes, and invited the Commissioners to attend.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Buckmaster

FEBRUARY 14, 2011 HUMAN SERVICES AGENDA STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

1(b). *Resolution Honoring Debra Otis*

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

1(a). *Resolution Authorizing Contracts to Distribute County Urban Redevelopment Funds*

This resolution utilizes \$30,000 included in the Health Department's FY 2011 budget to authorize contracts for the time period of January 25, 2011 through September 30, 2011 with the following agencies:

- Allen Neighborhood Center (\$15,000), with partners Ingham County Land Bank and Lansing Community College, for *Restoration Works*, a "project-based learning initiative" which will involve LCC faculty and students completely restoring two vacant homes over the next several years, with a focus on incorporating innovative and replicable energy efficiency improvements; and
- South Lansing Community Development Association (\$15,000) to utilize community forums, visioning sessions, surveys, market studies etc. in the revitalization of two historically significant commercial centers – REO Town and Colonial Village.

The Assistant Deputy Controller recommends approval of this resolution.

2. *Resolution Calling on the State Of Michigan to Preserve the State Earned Income Tax Credit*

This resolution calls on the State Legislature to continue the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Michigan residents. The Controller's Office is not taking a position on the resolution.

MEMORANDUM

To: Human Service Committee
Finance Committee

From: Dean Sienko, M.D., M.S., Health Officer

Date: February 3, 2011

Subject: Authorization to Establish Contracts to Distribute County Urban Redevelopment Funds

Ingham County has a strong and successful history of implementing community summits and cultivating citizen ownership of efforts that expand and enhance opportunities for urban redevelopment. The Ingham County Health Department (ICHD), in partnership with the Power of We Consortium (PWC), has been responsible for carrying out efforts in support of the County's priority to "Promote Environmental Protection and Smart Growth." Specifically, ICHD and PWC have established a mechanism to allocate the Urban Redevelopment Funds in the amount of \$35,000 which was established as part of the Health Department budget.

This important investment of \$35,000 has been used to leverage millions of dollars in federal grants and thousands of volunteer service hours towards making our neighborhoods more attractive, vital, and responsive to our residents. Utilization of these funds has included activities such as completion of the walking trail on the south side of Lansing; match for the PWC's Capacity Building Program for community and faith-based organizations and for the AmeriCorps program; support for the Ingham Change Initiative's Summer Youth Program for young men of color; and support for neighborhood community organizing.

For fiscal year 2011, the ICHD, in partnership with the PWC, has allocated a total of \$30,000 following an RFP process, to:

- Allen Neighborhood Center (\$15,000), with partners Ingham County Land Bank and Lansing Community College, for *Restoration Works*, a "project-based learning initiative" which will involve LCC faculty and students completely restoring two vacant homes over the next several years, with a focus on incorporating innovative and replicable energy efficiency improvements;
- South Lansing Community Development Association (\$15,000) to utilize community forums, visioning sessions, surveys, market studies etc. in the revitalization of two historically significant commercial centers – REO Town and Colonial Village.

I recommend adoption of this resolution to establish contracts between the Health Department and Allen Neighborhood Center, and between the Health Department and South Lansing Community Development Association, and that the Board Chair is authorized to sign the contracts after review by the County Attorney.

c: Renee Canady w/attachment
John Jacobs w/attachement
Peggy Roberts w/attachment

Introduced by the Human Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS TO DISTRIBUTE COUNTY URBAN REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Health Department is responsible for implementing activities that support the County priority to “Promote Environmental Protection and Smart Growth”; and

WHEREAS, a county allocation in the amount of \$35,000 from the Board of Commissioners is intended to expand or enhance opportunities for urban redevelopment through engagement and mobilization of residents (Resolutions #06-120, #07-105, #08-116, #09-122, #10-116); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the funds are to strengthen urban cores, revitalize Lansing’s neighborhoods, and curb resident movement into less developed areas, thereby preserving open land and reducing long-term negative impacts on our ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, \$5,000 of the FY 2011 fund has been previously allocated through a contract with NorthWest Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$30,000 has been allocated via a competitive RFP process, overseen by the Investors Steering Committee of the Power of We Consortium, to Allen Neighborhood Center and to South Lansing Community Development Association in the amount of \$15,000 each; and

WHEREAS, Allen Neighborhood Center, partnering with the Ingham County Land Bank and Lansing Community College, will use these funds to promote restoration and innovative energy efficiency improvements through *Restoration Works*; and

WHEREAS, South Lansing Community Development Association and its partners will use the funds to engage community members in the revitalization of two historically significant commercial centers -- REO Town and Colonial Village.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract in the amount of \$15,000 with Allen Neighborhood Center to promote restoration and innovative energy efficiency improvements through *Restoration Works*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract in the amount of \$15,000 with South Lansing Community Development Association to engage community members in the revitalization of two historically significant commercial centers – REO Town and Colonial Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract period is January 25, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign the contracts after review by the County Attorney.

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION HONORING DEBRA OTIS

WHEREAS, Debra Otis began her career with Ingham County in May, 1989 as a full-time Outreach Worker in the Ingham County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, in January 1990, she became a full-time Clinic Assistant in the Family Planning/Women's Health Center; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of employment with the Health Department, Debra worked in many of the health centers: Webberville, Leslie, Stockbridge and Well Child and in 2007, was assigned to the St. Lawrence Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Debra has always demonstrated a willingness to help where needed by providing assistance in the Adult Health, Child Health and Otto Health centers; and

WHEREAS, the patients served by the Ingham County Health Department enjoyed Debra's sense of humor and helpfulness, and inquired about her when she was not in the office. Debra is positive and pleasant to work around.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby honors Debra Otis for her 21 years of dedicated service to the health center community and for the contributions she has made to the Ingham County Health Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

Agenda Item 2

TO: Human Services Committee

FROM: Becky Bennett, Board Coordinator

DATE: February 4, 2011

RE: Resolution Calling On the State Of Michigan To Preserve The State Earned Income Tax Credit

The attached resolution submitted by Commissioner McGrain calls on the State Legislature to continue the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Michigan residents. An estimated 21,047 Ingham County families were eligible for this credit in 2009, which resulted in adding approximately \$9,090,467 to Ingham County's economy.

This tax credit helps working families keep more of their paycheck by rewarding work, supplementing low wages, and helping a segment of the State's population that has not benefited from other recent tax measures.

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO
PRESERVE THE STATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2006, PA 372 created a state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for Michigan;
and

WHEREAS, this tax credit helps working families keep more of their paycheck by rewarding work,
supplementing low wages, and helping a segment of the State's population that has not benefited from other
recent tax measures; and

WHEREAS, the tax credit put money into the pockets of 782,000 working families in Michigan in tax year
2009; and

WHEREAS, in Ingham County, an estimated 21,047 families in tax year 2009 were eligible for the credit,
amounting to an approximate \$9,090,467 added to the County economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners calls on the legislature of
the State of Michigan to continue this successful anti-poverty tool that helps low- and moderate-income families
and small businesses in Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Governor Rick
Snyder, the Ingham County State Legislative Delegation, and the Michigan Association of Counties.