

MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HHSAC)
Thursday, September 8, 2016
Itasca Resource Center / Room 122

Members Present: **Jan Kangas** **Jim Sweeney**
 Crystal Terveer **Dorothy Abrahamson**
 Connie Kittlesen **Cheryl Lemler**
 Patricia Hoffman **Dorothy Abrahamson**
 Colleen MacKay (for Chris Jenkins)

Members Absent: **Kristi Kane** **Peter Lavalier**
 Penney Clements **Jan Manary**
 Lloyd Adams-exc. **Angela Baratto**
 Dave Holmbeck-exc. **Dan Seward-exc.**

Others Present: **Eric Villeneuve** **Peggy Clayton**
 Kelly Chandler

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Janice Kangas at 12:15 pm

Minutes of May 12, 2016:

A motion was made by Jim Sweeney, and seconded by Patricia Hoffman to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda:

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Presenter at 1:00 P.M. September 27th, 2016 County Board Meeting:

Janice Kangas will be the presenter at the September 27th County Board Meeting.

Eric Villeneuve, Director:

Public Health Update:

Kelly Chandler, Public Health Division Manager, gave an update on e-cigarettes. E-cigarette ordinance language has been discussed, pulled together, and now completed with the County Attorney staff. This language adds e-cigarettes to the "Clean Indoor Air Act" in Itasca County. What this language basically states: in areas where one is not allowed to smoke, one is also not allowed to smoke an e-cigarette.

An additional language piece addresses the "sampling of e-cigarettes" in establishments who do sell e-cigarettes. The argument behind that piece is that if one cannot sample cigarettes in establishments, then one cannot sample e-cigarettes. The FDA addressed sampling in their changes to oversight of tobacco products. FDA changes did go into effect August 8, 2016. Discussion followed.

Kelly will be bringing the e-cigarette language to an October County Board Work Session.

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Short discussion held on compliance checks. Kelly stated they are going to be making some changes in conducting future compliance checks in Itasca County, and additional training will be provided for those involved (in conducting compliance checks).

A WIC Clinic will be starting up in Deer River in September 2016. This clinic will provide WIC services to those who are unable to get into Grand Rapids WIC Clinics. Public Health is also working on setting up an additional WIC Clinic on the east side of Itasca County in 2017.

Public Health will be adding “dental varnish” to their family health programs in October, as a preventative means for young children. The focus for this program will be on Head Start, Invest Early, and Early Childhood.

The “Community Connect” event will take place on October 6th from 11:00 am until 4:30 pm at the IRA Civic Center. Between 60-70 agencies will be available to the public to help them with services, provide information, etc. Public Health will be conducting immunizations, dental varnishes, etc.

In 2015 over 300+ were in attendance. Grant dollars and donations are utilized to make this event happen.

Advisory Committee Applications:

Advisory Committee applications were received from Jennifer Frimansland and Darlene Collins. Short discussion held.

A motion was made by Jim Sweeney and seconded by Cheryl Lemler to recommend the County Board approve the applications of Jennifer Frimanslund and Darlene Childs, to the HHS Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Legislative Update:

Eric reported that the special session is not going to happen, due to leaders not coming together to resurrect tax cut measures. Short discussion held. There will be a push in 2017 on bills, etc. that would have been part of this special session in 2016.

HHSAC Subcommittee Reports:

AMHAC:

Dan Seward was not in attendance, therefore, no report was given.

ICCOA:

Lloyd Adams was not in attendance but did provide a report. Committee on Aging continues to collect clothing and school supplies for local schools in Itasca County. At their August meeting Hugh Quinn, Veteran Services Officer, provided some new for military retirees. As of 2016 military pensions will not be taxed by the state. Another speaker, Pat Cortese, spoke on mental health issues, etc.

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Tax Aid will be going to a new software program in 2016, therefore, training will take place earlier than normal, and before the tax season begins.

A TRIAD conference will be held from September 27-29, 2016 in Western Minnesota, with 8 to be attending, from the Sheriff Department and Committee on Aging.

Other:

Colleen Mackay gave a brief update on the Keisler House progress. The goal is to be open in 2017.

Crystal Terveer gave an update on the new First Call for Help location (next to Floor to Ceiling on 4th Street), and the dedication set for September 29, 2016.

The next meeting is November 10, 2016.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.