HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020
9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Rob Piercefield, Joseph Brehler, Lisa Deavers, Blake Mulder and Barbara Rogers

MEMBER ABSENT: Commissioner Matthew Bowen

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Terrance Augustine and Brian Droscha; Colette Scrimger and John Fuentes

The February 3, 2020, regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Pearl-Wright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Deavers moved to approved the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Deavers moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried.

Colette Scrimger, Barry-Eaton District Health Department Health Officer, was present to provide the agency’s semi-annual update. An update was provided on the evolving coronavirus outbreak. The Department is participating in ongoing conference calls with the Centers for Disease Control. As of now there have been no emergency response procedures or monitoring protocols activated for local public health departments in Michigan. The Department continues to receive updates and briefings from state and federal agencies and will alter its response to this emerging situation as necessary.

An update was provided on the Department’s involvement in the response to the presence of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) at the National Guard Training Facility to the north of Grand Ledge in Clinton County. Testing of private wells downstream in the County has been conducted and the Defense Department is coordinating and conducting site cleanup and response.

An update was also provided on the Department’s involvement in the response to reported copper level exceedance in the municipal water supplies of the cities of Charlotte and Eaton Rapids.

Commissioner Brehler provided an update of a state proposal to provide for mental and behavioral health integration. Discussion held.
Chairperson Pearl-Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held on March 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Jeannie Pearl-Wright, Chairperson
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOBILE HEALTH UNIT BRINGS TREATMENT FOR

OPIOID ADDICTION TO EATON COUNTY

Individuals living in Eaton County can now access treatment for substance use disorders in Charlotte on a mobile health bus staffed with trained, caring professionals three days a week.

Lansing, MI (January 23, 2020) – In 2019, Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) was awarded a two-year grant to address the opioid crisis by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration. The funds are being used to support substance use prevention and treatment initiatives across MSHN’s 21 counties including the launch of a mobile health unit currently stationed three days a week in Eaton County.

The mobile health unit project (the “bus”), AIM for Recovery & Wellness, launched in October 2019 at the Real Life Church in Charlotte before moving to its current location at the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, 1033 Health Care Drive in Charlotte, MI, 48813. MSHN is partnering with Recovery Pathways, LLC to provide staffing for the bus. The bus is staffed by fully credentialed, trained staff, including peer recovery coaches who have lived experience with addiction. Individuals can access treatment for substance use disorders on the bus on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11am to 4pm until further notice. Staff on the mobile unit will offer education, peer supports, direct treatment and referrals to other ‘brick and mortar’ treatment providers.

The AIM for Recovery & Wellness bus offers drug screening, substance abuse counseling, peer supports, syringe support services, overdose prevention kits, and referrals to treatment. “Our goal is to bring the bus to areas in our region where people have limited access to treatment for substance use disorders,” said Dr. Dani Meier, Chief Clinical Officer at MSHN. “We can help them connect to care and resources that will start them on their path to recovery and wellness.”

While focused currently on Eaton County, the AIM bus will eventually be expanding services to other rural counties such as Arenac, Clare and Gladwin counties.

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PRESENTS THE
EATON OPIOID SUMMIT 2020

How is Eaton County doing in its efforts to combat the opioid crisis? What can we do as a community moving forward? What should an Opioid Response 2.0 look like? At the summit, you will learn what's going well, discuss current data on the crisis, and help plan our next steps. Eaton County has been a leader on a national level in breaking barriers to opioid use treatment and taking community action. Come ready to work to create even more positive change!

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION:

MARCH 12, 2020
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30
Program: 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
THE ENGLISH INN, EATON RAPIDS
Medovue Hall Ballroom

Please register to attend at: https://bit.ly/31cUbEO

Lunch is provided.

EATON REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY
Barry-Eaton District Health Department