

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS

*Dawn Bales, Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Jim Goetz*

## MEETING LOCATION

*Via ZOOM*

**MINUTES:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 - 1:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Commissioners Bales, Jenkins-Arno, Goetz, and Stimpson

**Also Present:** Jackie Bradley (LCMHA), Martha Hall, Cari Rebottaro, Martin Marshall, Kim Murphy, and Becky Borton

### I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Jenkins-Arno, seconded by Goetz, to approve the March 9, 2021, minutes. Motion carried.*

**II. Access to Behavioral Health Crisis Services:** Jackie Bradley, Community Mental Health Authority, reviewed the Access to behavioral Health Crisis Services report.

Key findings included:

Since 2016, Lenawee County Medicaid beneficiaries appear to be seeking fewer emergency department and inpatient behavioral healthcare services in Lenawee County.

The number of behavioral health-related emergency department visits and inpatient admissions among Lenawee County Medicaid beneficiaries has increased in other counties, including some in Ohio.

There continues to be unmet need to behavioral health treatment among Lenawee County Medicaid beneficiaries.

Based on these findings, there are six actions the community should consider:

- Expand outpatient treatment options.
- Increase access to non-clinical supports.
- Raise awareness of available services.
- Increase access to behavioral healthcare providers.
- Coordinate physical and behavioral healthcare.
- Improve behavioral healthcare training for law enforcement.

### III. Department Highlights

**Health Department:** Health Officer, Martha Hall, provided an update on the Covid status

- There has been an increase in COVID cases; the positivity rate on tests is currently over 17% and our goal is 3% or lower. There are 502 active, 22 hospitalized, and 480 at home.
- Use of the J&J vaccine has been paused to review rare cases of blood clots.
- Those aged 16 and over may now be vaccinated.
- 67.2% of residents aged 65 and over have received at least the first dose, while 66.63% has completed vaccination series
- Next week over 2,000 doses to administer
- Clinics are operating smoothly
- The clinics have the capacity to vaccinate over 300 people an hour

Marty Marshall announced that the Lenawee Community Foundation has awarded the Health Department as this year's Pillar Award for their leadership during the Covid pandemic.

### **Department on Aging**

LDA Director, Cari Rebottaro, provided an update on the Volunteers! She expressed her gratitude and celebrated their support. They would like to have a proclamation tomorrow.

### **IV. BOC 2021 Scholarship**

There will be no in-person award ceremony for the 2021 Scholarship recipients. Two recipients will be receiving \$800 each.

### **V. Plan Objectives**

**Wellness:** Forms have been distributed.

**Financial Wellness:** Nothing new to report.

### **VI. Updates / Other Business**

Child Abuse Prevention Month – purple pinwheels out 4/16-4/30/2021

Next Month: Tracy James, Region 2 Area Agency on Aging services

### **VII. Adjournment**

*Motion by Goetz, seconded by Jenkins-Arno, to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. Motion carried.*