

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, August 23, 2001
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chair Steven R. Heacock.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, McGuire, Morgan, Morren, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 18.

Absent: Smoke (Excused) – 1.

Invocation: Commissioner Morren gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Rampage Recognition

Chair Heacock presented a proclamation to Scott Gorsline and Coach Michael Trigg recognizing and congratulating the Grand Rapids Rampage for their outstanding achievement in winning the AFL championship and proclaiming Thursday, August 23, 2001, as Grand Rapids Rampage day throughout Kent County.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 9, 2001 Meeting
- b) August 7, 2001 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Establish Public Hearing Time and Date of Thursday, September 13, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
regarding the 2002 Budget & Millage Rates
- d) Resolutions:

**8-23-01-101 – MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING INCREASE AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS –
CHILDREN’S WAIVER PROGRAM AND PEPM / COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH**

WHEREAS, as funding becomes available at the State level, the Department of Community Health (DCH) will allocate additional funding to eligible mental health programs. The increased funding is generally used to support additional caseload or to offer related services,

or to account for a statutory rate adjustment. CMH has received notice of the following funding allocations from the DCH:

- Children's Waiver \$668,578 for the Children's Waiver Program.
- \$28,116 as a result of a change in the State Institutionalization Rate.
- \$1,155 for the Consumer Drop-In Program.
- Additional Medicaid (PEPM) funding in the amount of \$388,087 for State Hospitalization Service (\$131,800); Supports Service Coordination (\$55,000); Specialized Residential Services (\$172,200) and Enhanced Health Care (\$29,087); and

WHEREAS, CMH uses an estimate in preparing its budget for Liquor Tax revenue. An amendment of \$131,227 is required to bring the budget in line with actual receipts; and

WHEREAS, CMH has received an additional \$1,000 in revenue through Inter-County charges than originally anticipated; and

WHEREAS, additional interest income of \$390 is requested to be used to as match for the Consumer Drop-In program (\$115) and to cover increased costs for maintenance (\$275).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Community Mental Health's request to accept additional funding and to amend the budget to account for corresponding revenues and expenditures.

8-23-01-102 – USE OF FUND BALANCE – GENESIS NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, on November 23, 1999, the Board of Commissioners authorized Community Mental Health (CMH) to use up to \$93,086 of its fund balance to support a three-year pilot with Genesis Non-Profit Housing Corporation to provide support services for disabled residents of permanent housing units. It was anticipated that all funds would be expended by the end of FY01; and

WHEREAS, Genesis Non-Profit Housing Corporation provides affordable housing for individuals who have a disability and who are homeless. Of the approximately 50 units that Genesis has available, 14 are occupied by individuals who are developmentally disabled or have a mental illness and who are accessing case management and other services from Kent CMH contract agencies. Nine residents have previously accessed Kent CMH Substance Abuse Services; and

WHEREAS, due to a slower than anticipated start-up of the program, Kent CMH has only funded Genesis for two years, and would like to continue to fund the program in its third year from the fund balance. Up to an additional \$60,000 is required to complete the third year of the pilot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves CMH's request to use up to \$60,000 of its fund balance to complete the third year of a pilot program with the Genesis Non-Profit Housing Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's approval of the use of fund balance will not be considered part of the County's appropriation to CMH for FY02.

8-23-01-103 – FAMILIES IN TOUCH GRANT APPROVAL, CONTRACT, AND BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVAL / KENT/MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1998, the Board of Commissioners approved Cooperative Extension's request to apply to Spectrum Health for a Families in Touch Grant. A continuation of the project was approved on September 28, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Families in Touch Program provides education in financial management, parenting and nutrition to under-served families in five Grand Rapids schools. Parents are referred to the program by school health aides and other school staff; and

WHEREAS, the Program is eligible for an additional year of funding from Spectrum Health. MSU will continue to be the employer of record for the positions. No County staff positions or funds are involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Cooperative Extension's request to accept funding from Spectrum Health for the Families In Touch Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Board authorizes an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Cooperative Extension for the performance of the grant, and to amend the budget to reflect revenues and expenditures associated with the grant.

8-23-01-104 – BUDGET AMENDMENTS – CERVICAL CANCER, HOPWA, AND WIC / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, as funding becomes available at the State level, the Department of Community Health (DCH) will allocate additional funding to health departments with eligible programs. The increased funding is generally used to support additional caseload or to offer related services; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice of the following funding allocations from the DCH:

- \$1,000 for promotional activities associated with the Women's Health Network, Sisters Empowering Sisters, and Breast and Cervical Cancer Control programs.
- \$42,084 for cervical cancer screenings. Funding will allow for an increase in caseload to meet demand.
- \$2,200 for financial housing assistance under the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.
- \$15,656 in additional Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program funding as a result of increased caseload.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Health Department's request to accept additional funding and authorizes an amendment to the budget to account for corresponding revenues and expenditures.

8-23-01-105 – EARLY ON CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent Intermediate School District uses several community

agencies for supportive services to Early On families. One supportive service is "gap funding" to financially assist families who have special needs which cannot be met through existing resources; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Intermediate School District has requested the Kent County Health Department to provide access to gap funding for respite care services for Early On families who are also Health Department clients. The KISD would like to provide the Health Department with \$10,000; eligible families can receive up to \$300 in funding per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Health Department's request to contract with Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) to administer a support service for the Early On Program, and to approve an amendment to the budget to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the contract.

8-23-01-106 = REVISIONS TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Public Act 368 of 1978 (the Public Health Code), as amended, allows a local government to “. . . fix and require the payment of fees for services authorized or required to be performed by the local health department.” Said fees should not be more than the reasonable cost of providing the service; and

WHEREAS, as required by the County Fiscal Policy – Fees and Charges, departments are required to review their fees and charges annually and to forward recommended changes to the Board of Commissioners as part of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department is recommending 64 changes to the fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, included in this revision are monetary civil penalties associated with the on-site wastewater disposal permitting process, as allowed by Environmental Health Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves amendments to the Health Department's fee schedule effective October 1, 2001.

8-23-01-107 = CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY GRANT SUBMISSION AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that grant funds are available from the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide Child Passenger Safety Training. The grant funding will be used to provide training, education, and child safety seats to parents with small children; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to decrease the number of child deaths and injuries by increasing the number of child safety seats that are used appropriately; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department will contract for a Program Coordinator who will be trained as a Child Passenger Safety Certified Technician by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, safety seat usage will be reviewed with each client six months after they have been provided a new safety seat. Follow-up questions will include seat usage, if the child has grown and how much, and where in the car the seat is located. Findings will be used to

determine the effectiveness of the Child Safety Program, and if training materials should be revised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Health Department's request to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Community Health for a Child Passenger Safety Education and Training Program; and to amend the budget to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the grant.

8-23-01-108 – VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP GRANT SUBMISSION AND BUDGET APPROVAL / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that grant funds are available from the Michigan Department of Community Health for continuation of the Kent County Community Violence Prevention Partnership. The Community Violence Prevention Partnership is requesting funds for the fourth year to continue implementing strategies to reduce violence in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, goals of the project are to: 1) reduce the juvenile crime index; 2) reduce the rate of sexual assault; 3) reduce the incidence and prevalence of domestic violence; 4) reduce the number of vulnerable adult abuse and neglect cases; and 5) reduce the number of child abuse and neglect cases; and

WHEREAS, the project will be evaluated by continually monitoring the Kent County juvenile crime index, the number of reported cases of sexual assault, the number of reported domestic violence cases, the number of reported vulnerable abuse and neglect cases, and the number of reported cases of child abuse and neglect to determine the impact the project has made on each of these measures. In addition, an outcome evaluation will be conducted for selected objectives by administering pre- and post-tests to measure changes in knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs. A process evaluation will also be conducted to determine the extent to which the program is being implemented as planned; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to fund 1.0 FTE Violence Prevention Coordinator, supplies and materials, training and indirect costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Health Department's request to submit a grant proposal to the Michigan Department of Community Health for the Kent County Community Violence Prevention Partnership; and to amend the budget to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the grant.

Commissioner Mast requested that Item 8-23-01-102 be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Morren, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Vonk, Vaughn, Sak, Postmus, Morren, Morgan, McGuire, Mayhue, Mast, Kuipers, Kuhn, Koorndyk, Horton, Hiddema, Buege, Boelema, Chair Heacock – 18.

Nays: 0.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's approval of the use of fund balance will not be considered part of the County's appropriation to CMH for FY02.

Motion by Commissioner Morren, supported by Commissioner Buege, that the resolution be adopted.

(Commissioner Mast read a conflict of interest statement and stated that he will abstain from voting on this resolution.)

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Vonk, Vaughn, Sak, Postmus, Morren, Morgan, McGuire, Mayhue, Kuipers, Kuhn, Koorndyk, Horton, Hiddema, Buege, Boelema, Chair Heacock – 17.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Mast - 1.

REPORTS

Urban Sprawl

Commissioner Postmus stated that the Urban Sprawl Committee met on Tuesday, August 21st, and is now waiting for information from staff.

Parks Subcommittee

Commissioner Morren reported that work is moving forward on the Parks Subcommittee and it will meet on September 4, 2001.

Community Mental Health Funding Subcommittee

Commissioner Boelema stated that this subcommittee will be meet today and will receive more input on community mental health services, cost and effectiveness. It will report back to the Board in a month or two with more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

Polish Festival

Commissioner Sak announced that the Polish Festival will be held this weekend August 24-26, 2001, on the Calder Plaza and invited everyone to attend.

Chavez Way Dedication

Commissioner Sak invited Commissioners to the dedication ceremonies and the social justice march down Caesar E. Chavez Way on Saturday, September 1, 2001, at 1:00 p.m.

Senior Meals

Commissioner Vaughn thanked Commissioners for their contributions to the senior meals food pantry drive. This effort was a big success and donations will still be accepted.

Commissioner Mayhue thanked Commissioner Vaughn for his leadership on this program drive.

NACO Award

Commissioner Wahlfield said that the CountyNews ran an article on Kent County's environmental award and thanked Commissioner Kuipers for his part in this award.

Commissioner Kuipers stated that the staff submitted the data that resulted in the NACO Award and, he appreciates the work of the staff of Kent County in all of their efforts.

ADIJOURNMENT

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Morren moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 13, 2001, Courthouse Jury Assembly Room, at 7:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sak. Motion carried.

Steven R. Heacock, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk