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HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE –Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 @ 10:00 a.m.
Board Conference Room – County Services Building

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CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner VanEck called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Paul VanEck; Commissioner Casey Jones; Commissioner Fritz Spreitzer; Commissioner Mark DeYoung; Commissioner Tom Jessup; Health Officer Rashmi Travis; Director of Agency Support Jane Waanders, Director of Personal Health Amy Baldwin

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

COMMISSIONER JONES MOTIONED TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
COMMISSIONER SPREITZER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION
CARRIED.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ordinance—Changes on Tattoo Ordinance

Rashmi informed the committee that the State is passing a Senate Bill 593 that will require all Body Art Facilities to be licensed. This law will become effective January 1, 2009. It will allow parlors to obtain a 3 years license. State inspections will take place annually by the Health Department. Rashmi recommended that the County consider the pro and cons to pursuing their own ordinance. Several counties have already done this. She will provide Monroe and Livingston County's ordinances for the committees review. She also made a list of issues that will need to be addressed by the committee if an ordinance is favored. One issue – Decision on whether tattoo parlors will service minors with parental consent or prohibit minors from entering this type of establishment. Another issue – Decision to have facility operators pass a written and or oral exam before licensing is granted. Commissioner Spreitzer was under the impression that the State was not finished with the bill. Rashmi stated that they are done to her knowledge however they could change things before January. Commissioner Spreitzer further stated that if the State is not finished and changes are made then the committee will have to revisit this issue. He questioned if the State would perform the inspections. Rashmi replied that under the State law, at minimum an annual inspection would be conducted by the Health

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Mission Statement

"The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper"

Dept. Counties who have their own ordinances inspect twice a year. Commissioner Deyoung stated that the committee can set up fees for the ordinance now. Commissioner VanEck questioned on what they are looking for in licensing. Rashmi stated that we would have to make sure background information is obtained, health issues are addressed, and the facility operators maintain education requirements. Commissioner Spreitzer questioned whether the Health Department would inspect the equipment being used. Rashmi replied that this would be conducted by the Health Dept under the State law. Commissioner Jessup requested past information regarding this issue since he is not familiar with tattoo establishments. Rashmi mentioned the issues with bloodborne pathogens and the possibility of Hepatitis C and HIV infections. Commissioner Spreitzer stated that the ordinance fees would recoup expenses. Rashmi touched on the personal health responsibilities and expenses related to this matter. She introduced Amy Baldwin the new Personal Health Director. Commissioner VanEck questions if the Health Department is currently equipped with staff to handle these responsibilities. Amy replied that as it stands we believe we are staffed however if they find out that there are 15 – 20 businesses there will be staffing issues. Rashmi further stated that this would only pertain to the responsibilities that would fall under State law. Commissioner VanEck clarified that this is a State unfunded mandated law. Rashmi stated that a \$500 fee is charged by the State for a three year license. This fee does not go to the County. Commissioner Spreitzer questioned if we have information for research to come up with fees for the County ordinance. Rashmi replied that they do have fees set by others that they will refer to. She further informed the committee that there is a work group from the Environmental Health Forum of the MALPH Association to develop guidelines that relate to the State law. Jane mentioned that the Board would pass the fees first before an ordinance was created. Commissioner Deyoung recommended that Rashmi work on instituting fees and bring back for review. He further suggested that the County wait until halfway through next year with the State law and then establish the ordinance; we may be more prepared and informed by then. Commissioner Jones suggested meeting again once the work group has reported back with ideas. A September 4 meeting was set up to review fees and hear recommendations from the work group from the association.

Policy—Tobacco Free Policy

Rashmi informed the committee that the Medical Care Facility recently passed a tobacco free policy. County Administrator Rob Sarro has requested that she review this policy and make any recommendations if necessary. Rashmi had asked Mary Ellis, on staff at the Health to compare this policy with the County's Smoking Policy. She believes that Medical Care's policy is thorough. Commissioner VanEck questions what the County policy currently states. County Policy #209 currently states that County employees can not smoke at or near the entrances and exits of the buildings. Rashmi stated that there are issues with this #209 policy by not addressing the distance in which employees have to be from the buildings. There are further issues with smoking occurring at the Courthouse but not at the Complex buildings. Medical Care has decided to go completely smoke free on the property. Commissioner Jessup questioned how enforcement is handled. Rashmi stated that enforcement is talking with the individual. Rashmi's recommendation would be for the Board to pursue a local County ordinance prohibiting no smoking at all county properties. Commissioner VanEck questioned whether the Board would want to exclude

the Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Jessup stated that since we are not able to enforce a smoke free policy would the Board want to designate smoking areas. Commissioner Deyoung questioned if Ottawa County passed an ordinance on smoking so many feet away from the building. Commissioner VanEck replied that Ottawa County is completely smoke free at all their buildings and recreation areas. Rashmi will make the necessary modifications to the current policy #209 reflecting a smoke free campus including Parks and Recreation. Rashmi stated that she would also mention no smoking in vehicles. Thursday, June 5, @ 1pm was set to review the revised policy. Rashmi clarified that since the Medical Care Facility's policy looked good there are no recommendations to forward.

Commissioner VanEck inquired about how the Jail health services contract was going. Rashmi stated that it has currently been working well.

ADJOURNMENT:

COMMISSIONER JONES MOTIONED TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 11:08AM.

COMMISSIONER JESSUP SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes prepared and submitted to committee members via email 4/17/08 by Recording Secretary Becky Blaine.

Next Health Services Committee scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2008 @ 1p.m. Board Conference Room.