THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015
AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE ROOM (D & E), HUMAN SERVICES
BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE AND TIME

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TO: Tim Dolehanty, Controller  
   Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller  
FROM: Linda Vail, Health Officer  
DATE: July 31, 2015  
SUBJECT: Controller’s Recommended Budget and Pathways program funding  
CC: Teri Morton, Budget Director

The Health Department proposes an alternative solution to a Controller’s recommended budget that does not include Pathways Program funding as requested in our budget submission. We have been tenuously holding a vacant physician position in the Community Health Centers (#601025) while also having a number of conversations about eliminating the position. Filling the position would also require creating additional positions (Medical Assistant as well as a Nurse) to create a clinic team which is not practical in the current environment. We would like to propose the elimination of position #601025 and the use of funds associated with that position in the FY 2016 budget ($188,935) to sustain the Pathways program for FY 2016.

The Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) is still working on a final figure for our no-cost extension. The no-cost extension will support the program until the end of March 2016, and without a final figure on the no-cost extension amount it is our estimate that funding Pathways through FY16 will require $188,000 - $220,000. Our department is currently negotiating with the Michigan Association of United Ways (MAUW) to serve as the fiduciary for Children’s Healthcare Access Programs (CHAPs) statewide because our model with the Wayne CHAP has proven quite successful and beneficial. The indirect costs that our department will charge to fulfill that role will generate additional revenue that is not currently in the FY16 budget. We would use that revenue to fill the any gap between the funds associated with position #601025 and the program costs for extending Pathways to the end FY16. Should anything happen that causes our agreement with the MAUW not to come to fruition, the Pathways program would end at the time that funds from the no-cost extension plus those reallocated from position #601025 are exhausted.

Our Department will keep your office apprised of the status of the no-cost extension amount as well as the final arrangement for statewide CHAPs with the MAUW in order to project an end date for the Pathways program should we need to do so before the end of FY16. However, we do anticipate a successful arrangement with the MAUW making it possible to fund the program for the entire fiscal year and begin plans for how it will be included in our FY17 budget submission.
Thursday, August 06, 2015

Dear Ingham County Board of Commissioners:

The Ingham County Department of Health and Human Services is requesting $150,000 in additional funding for the special needs account that is currently set at $37,000. The reason for our request is the effect of our departmental policy that was implemented October 1, 2013 that has affected the number of individuals that need access to these funds.

Effective October 1, 2013 the Department of Health and Human Services initiated a policy in which we can only assist clients with energy related State Emergency Relief (SER) requests, including furnace repairs, heat, and electricity between November 1st and May 31st. This has placed a burden on the citizens of Ingham County. Citizens have had higher utility bills that cannot be paid by them, our agency, or other agencies. Nonpayment is causing citizens to be shut off.

Implementation of the above policy has resulted in 1,971 less cases being assisted by the Department of Health and Human Services. We would like to fill this gap with the additional $150,000 we are requesting to alleviate the strain that this policy has placed on the Citizens of Ingham County during the non-crisis season.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Su Alyn Holbrook
Director, Cash Assistance
Ingham County Department of Health & Human Services
July 28, 2015

Dear Ingham County Commissioner:

The Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network (GLHRN) would like to submit this letter of commitment giving our support for additional funding for the Ingham County Department of Health & Human Services.

Effective October 1, 2013 the Department of Health and Human Services initiated a policy in which their department could only assist clients with energy related State Emergency Relief (SER) requests, including furnace repairs, heat and electricity, between November 1st and May 31st of each year. This has placed a burden on the citizens of Ingham County along with our agencies. Citizens have had higher utility bills that cannot be paid by them, our agencies, or other non-network agencies. Nonpayment of these bills is causing citizens to have their utilities shut off, and in some cases forcing them to become homeless. GLHRN coordinates over $100,000 in homeless prevention funding, which helps with utilities, but this is not enough to help all of our community.

We at GLHRN ask the Ingham County Commissioner to grant additional funds to the Ingham County Department of Health & Human Services in order to adequately assist the citizens of Ingham County.

Sincerely,

David Henrion
GLHRN Coordinator
Commissioners:

Please consider this budget request for the Ingham County Sheriff’s Office/Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties; for $30,000 annually, to expand current Mental Health Screening services to include on call personnel for weekends and holidays.

Currently, CMH provides 1.5 FTE employees Monday-Friday; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. that provide mental health screening and referral for individuals who are flagged by ICJ staff at booking or during incarceration as having possible suicide risk or mental health symptoms. There are no CMH staff available at ICJ from 5:00 p.m. Friday through Monday morning or on holidays. This leads to some inmates being held in observation up to 3 days before being seen by a Mental Health professional. Without CMH staff available, the deputies at the Ingham County Jail are left with the burden to determine severity.

The Ingham County Sheriff’s Office and CMH Administration worked to develop a proposal for on call Mental Health services that would be available Friday evening through Monday morning; and holidays. The cost for this coverage is $30,000 annually.