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PUBLIC NOTICE – HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Health & Human Services Committee will meet Monday May 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Lakewood City Hall at 12650 Detroit Avenue. The meeting is open to the public.

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations for participation in meetings must request accommodations at least 3 business days ahead of the scheduled meeting. Contact Michelle Nochta at (216) 529-5906 michelle.nochta@lakewoodoh.net.

The meeting will be livestreamed on the City's website at the following link:

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PUBLIC COMMENT PROTOCOL (Updated 6/21)

The public is invited to comment on agenda items in person or by submitting a written comment in advance of the meeting using the eComment platform available [HERE](#). New users must create an eComment account.

The agenda is as follows:

Approval of the minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee held February 27, 2023.

Communication from Human Services Director Berry regarding ME/WE Substance Misuse Program.
(Referred to HHS 05/01/23)

Sarah Kepple, Chair
Tristan Rader, Cindy Marx; Members
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



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DIRECTOR, HUMAN SERVICES

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May 1, 2023

Dear City Council Members,

This communication serves to inform you about a new program that the Department of Human Services and Joyner and Associates have partnered on to offer to individuals who are concerned about a loved one's substance misuse – entitled ME/WE. Jim has almost 50 years of professional experience in the field of alcohol and other drug prevention, intervention, treatment, education, and training. He has provided educational and consultative services for various organizations and institutions and has received numerous awards for their prevention, training, and advocacy efforts.

The ME/WE program is designed to help participants make healthy choices for themselves and in response to their loved ones' behaviors. It consists of two distinct components: an Education Group and a facilitator-led Self Help Support Group.

The Education component offers information on a variety of topics related to addiction, including how addictive behaviors impact the family and healthy ways for family members to respond to their loved ones' behaviors. The program aims to provide a deeper understanding of addiction as a brain disorder and its effects on the family.

The facilitator-led Support component provides a caring environment for those seeking support and insight into making healthier choices for themselves and their loved ones in response to the negative impact of a loved one's substance use disorder. The Support component offers a safe space for participants to share their experiences and feelings, as well as receive support and guidance from the facilitator and other group members.

This program utilizes funding received as part of the OneOhio Opioid Settlement. We believe that this program will be beneficial to the community and can make a significant impact on individuals and families affected by substance use disorders. We kindly request your support in promoting this program and assisting us in reaching those who could benefit from its services.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Chad Berry, LISW-S
Director, Human Services

The City of Lakewood, Department of Human Services, provides a continuum of responsive programs and services that enhance and promote the health and well-being of individuals, families and the community.

