

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** March 23, 2017

**PLACE:** Wood County Annex & Health Center Classroom – Marshfield

**PRESENT:** Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, Marion Hokamp, Dennis Polach, Jessica Vicente, Jeffrey Koszczuk, D.O., Brad Kremer

**ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting):** Brandon Vruwink, Jo Timmerman, Beth Ferdon (Human Services); Jordon Bruce (Norwood Health & Edgewater Haven); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Rock Larson (Veteran Services); Angela Nimsgern (Division of Public Health); Beth Westover (Student); Bill Clendenning, Mike Feirer, Al Breu (County Board Supervisors); Carey Weister (citizen); Amy Kaup (IT Director)

**ABSENT:** Lori Slattery-Smith R.N., Tom Buttke

**1) Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Rozar. Introductions were made around the room for the newly appointed County Board Supervisor Brad Kremer to the Health & Human Services Committee.

**2) Quorum**

The Chair declared a quorum present.

**3) Public Comments**

- Carey Weister addressed statements made during a previous Committee meeting about “those people” and how Committee members’ choice of words were taken personally.

**4) Public Health Modernization presented by Angela Nimsgern, Division of Public Health Northern Regional Office Director**

Sue Kunferman introduced Angela Nimsgern. Angela acknowledged the Wood County Health Department as a strong leader in the state. She described the modernization of public health, and shared the historic and community-driven approaches to transforming a Health Department.

**5) Consent Agenda**

Motion (Fischer/ Koszczuk) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**6) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda**

- n/a

**7) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services, Norwood Health Center**

Financial statements were reviewed with specific questions answered by appropriate Department Heads.

**8) Update from IT on Human Services vouchers redaction**

Jo Timmerman explained the interface download from State systems to Dynamics. Amy Kaup shared an example report which can be used to meet the Committee’s need. This is a work in progress to continue reducing the amount of redactions for the “nature of claim” column.

**9) Update on Edgewater Haven Administrator vacancy**

Chair Rozar provided an update with recruitment efforts to fill the Edgewater Haven Administrator vacancy.

**10) Update of Norwood Health Center psychiatrist**

Jordon Bruce stated a psychiatrist will be touring our facility April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**11) Edgewater Haven resolution to amend the 2017 budget, transferring funds from contingency for the purchase of a walk-in cooler and freezer combination unit**

Jordon Bruce explained reasons for the capital purchase. Motion (Koszczuk/Hokamp) to support the resolution as presented and forward to the Executive Committee for co-sponsorship and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

**12) Discussion of moving Edgewater Haven under umbrella of Human Services**

Chair Rozar explained the appointed administrator waiver timelines. Jordon Bruce stated 7 of 32 county-owned nursing homes are under the direction of Human Services. A lengthy discussion surrounding budgets and policy transpired. Jordon, Brandon Vruwink, and Jo Timmerman responded to Committee member’s questions. Motion (Polach/ Koszczuk) to begin the process of moving Edgewater Haven under the umbrella of the Human Services Department. Realistic expectations and clarification of the process will be addressed at a future Committee meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**13) Discussion of moving TBI unit to Edgewater Haven**

Chair Rozar described space availability at Edgewater Haven for the TBI unit. Efficiencies would be realized with contracted therapies currently in place. Jordon Bruce provided an overview of what initiated this consideration. Motion (Fischer/Polach) to transition the TBI unit from Norwood Health Center to Edgewater Haven. All ayes. Motion carried.

**14) Discussion of Human Services Department Organizational Structure**

Brandon Vruwink described proposed changes with the organizational structure of the Community Resources section. Motion (Fischer/Vicente) to approve the organizational restructuring as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**15) Discussion of Human Services space needs in Marshfield**

Chair Rozar summarized Committee discussions, actions, and considerations of options taken to date. Al Breu shared information obtained regarding construction costs. Amy Kaup described investments made with data and phone services, and advantages with using a county-owned site to construct a new building. Based on direction of discussion, there was Committee consensus not to pursue an option that involves county board approval for bonding at this time.

**16) Human Services presentation on Alternate Care Placements**

Brandon Vruwink introduced Beth Ferdon, Family Services Division Administrator. Beth spoke about the placement of children in residential treatments, juvenile corrections, and group homes. Considerable discussion followed regarding the cost and process taken for out-of-home placements.

**17) Review letter of support to area legislators and take action for Human Services Department to pursue FSET expansion pilot and Children's Crisis Facility included in the Governor's budget**

Committee members signed the letter of support included in the packet.

**18) Discussion on Educational Reimbursement Policy**

Tabled to April meeting

**19) Invitation to Committee members to attend the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) Spring Conference May 3-5, 2017 at Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake**

Brandon Vruwink shared Conference objectives. Motion (Fischer/Hokamp) to authorize Committee members to attend this conference. Individuals interested in attending should contact Brandon. All ayes. Motion carried.

**20) Invitation to Committee members to attend the Wood County Foster Care Spring Picnic May 11, 2017 at North Wood County Park from 5-8 pm**

Brandon Vruwink informed Committee members what will take place at the picnic. Motion (Koszczuk/Fischer) to authorize Committee members to attend this picnic. All ayes. Motion carried.

**21) Educational Leave Request for Health Department Employee**

Sue Kunferman explained the leave request for Melanie Jaecks' dietetic internship. Motion (Koszczuk/Fischer) to authorize the educational leave as requested. All ayes. Motion carried.

**22) Update regarding relocation of departments to the River Block Building and in the Courthouse**

River Block project--On schedule and at budget with a healthy contingency fund balance  
Courthouse Department relocations on schedule and construction preparation progressing well.

**23) Legislative Issue Updates**

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

**24) Items for Future Agenda**

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

**25) Next Meeting(s)**

- April 27, 2017, 5:00 pm, Edgewater Haven Conf Room 110/Admin Building - Port Edwards

**26) Adjourn**

Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and reviewed by Marion Hokamp, secretary.

Minutes subject to Committee approval

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Marion Hokamp, Secretary  
Health and Human Services Committee