

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** February 27, 2020

**PLACE:** Edgewater Haven, Administration Building, Conference Room 110 - Port Edwards

**PRESENT:** Donna Rozar, Al Breu, Adam Fischer, Tom Buttke, Marion Hokamp, Steven Kulick MD, Mark Holbrook (via phone), Jessica Vicente, Heather Wellach RN

**EXCUSED:** - - -

**ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting):** Brandon Vruwink, Jordon Bruce, Marissa Laher, Mary Solheim, Jo Timmerman, Mary Schlagenhaft, Stephanie Gudmunsen, Pamela Ashbeck, Dr. Suzy Grimm (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft, Julie Cutright, Kristie Egge (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor); Ed Newton (Finance); Kara Adam (nurse practitioner student)

**1) Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chair.

**2) Quorum**

Rozar declared a quorum.

**3) Public Comments**

- Dr. Suzy Grimm, the recently hired psychiatrist at Human Services, was introduced.
- Tom Buttke's 3-year term will be on next County Board agenda for reappointment.

**4) Health Department *Parents as Teachers* presentation**

Kristie Egge described work that led to the *Parents as Teachers* program and the plan moving forward using evidence-based models. Julie Cutright shared additional background information of the program and further described how family home visiting can reduce child abuse or neglect and other adverse childhood events (ACEs). Julie further explained the program implementation process and staffing plan. Kristie explained the Health Department's intent to seek grant funding to implement the program and at this time, no funding is being requested from the County. Sustainable funding may, in the future, come from the County budget; however, it is expected the program will show a return on investment by then to justify budgetary support by the County. Sue Kunferman added that the Health Department is working closely with Human Services on this program.

**5) Consent Agenda**

Pages 24-25 and 90 pulled. Motion (Buttke/Kulick) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- Sue Kunferman addressed concerns with pandemic planning, shared how the Health Department is participating in conference calls and having pre-conversations with schools with recommendations should a school closure occur. Parents are encouraged to preplan for childcare if schools were to close. Sue responded to additional questions and concerns regarding COVID-19.
- Jordon Bruce provided a visual of a main boiler that failed to start recently which showed the impact of that failure of the system at Norwood. A main gas valve needed replacement at significant cost which impacted the maintenance budget. Because this unforeseen failure was not budgeted for, Jordon wanted to inform the Committee at this time about the budgetary impact.

Motion (Breu/Buttke) to approve items pulled from the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements.

**8) Discussion of Edgewater & Wood County Annex contracted cleaning services**

Jordon Bruce and Marissa Laher shared serious concerns with current contracted cleaning services. A proposal from Healthcare Services Group was shared, and although they may cost more, the services provided are significantly different and would be much improved over what is currently being provided. Motion (Buttke/Breu) to approve the change in housekeeping/laundry contracted services. Supervisor Fisher stated

he is in favor of the request but cannot approve a change without knowing how to pay for it. Supervisor Holbrook echoed the same concern and made a motion to table the discussion. Motion failed for lack of second. Motion (Fischer/Kulick) to amend the motion to approve the change contingent on approval of use of carry over dollars from 2019 surplus. Vote on amendment. All ayes. Amendment carries. Vote on amended motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**9) TBI Unit update**

Marissa Laher provided an update regarding staffing challenges that has caused a delay in opening the unit.

**10) Edgewater Haven 300 South project update**

Marissa Laher provided an update with the 300 South project.

**11) Human Services Pet Therapy proposal**

Stephanie Gudmunson presented a policy and described the benefits of animal assisted therapy. This therapy provides pets, trained and certified to interact with clients facing behavioral issues. The pets are provided by staff. This policy was developed to provide guidelines with how pets can and will be used. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to amend the policy that no more than one therapy dog per day per location would be allowed. Supervisor Holbrook will vote "no" to the amendment because policy provides clear guidance without a need to limit. 4 ayes, 5 opposed. Amendment fails. Motion (Wellach/Kulick) to approve the policy. Motion (Rozar/Holbrook) to amend the policy limiting one handler per dog per location. 4 ayes, 5 opposed. Amendment fails. Vote on motion to approve the policy as presented. 6 ayes, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

**12) Health Department 2020-2025 Strategic Plan**

Sue Kunferman and Kathy Alft presented the Health Department 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

**13) Legislative Issue Updates**

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

**14) Items for Future Agenda**

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

**15) Next Meeting(s)**

- March 26, 2020, 5:00 pm, Wood County Annex & Health Center, Classroom – Marshfield

**16) Closed Session**

Motion (Buttke/Kulick) to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats. to consider addressing an application for a leave of absence. Rozar: Aye, Fischer: Aye, Breu: Aye, Hokamp: Aye, Holbrook: Aye, Buttke: Aye, Kulick: Aye, Vicente: Aye, Wellach: Aye. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 6:54 p.m.

**17) Return to Open Session**

Motion (Buttke/Breu) to return to open session at 6:56 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion (Hokamp/Vincente) to approve the leave of absence applications. All ayes. Motion carried.

**18) Adjourn**

Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.