

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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DATE: May 28, 2020

PLACE: Wood County Courthouse, Room 114 – Wisconsin Rapids (meeting also accessible via WebEx)

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Jessica Vicente, Laura Valenstein
By WebEx--Tom Buttke, Heather Wellach RN

EXCUSED: Steven Kulick MD

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Jordon Bruce, Marissa Laher, Mary Solheim, Jo Timmerman, Liz Masanz (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Lisa Keller (IT) (Some of these attendees were in the room and others joined by WebEx)

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

- Kristen Iniguez, DO introduced herself to the committee, she shared her background and interest in serving as the appointed Medical Director.

4) Consent Agenda

Pages 9, 12, 15, 17 pulled. Motion (Fischer/Hokamp) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

5) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- Page 9 – Brandon Vruwink was asked to share his perspective of ADRC proposal to administer Adult Protective Services for Lincoln, Langlade, and Marathon Counties; Brandon clarified that he was not advocating for or against the changes as proposed by ADRC. Brandon was also asked to expand on details of the process to provide support for inmate discharge from the Wood County Jail.
 - Page 12 – Marissa Laher was asked to explain if testing of residents and staff will be ongoing; she was also asked about ramifications if staff do not consent for COVID-19 testing. Jordon Bruce was also asked to share his plans for testing at Norwood Health Center.
 - Page 15 – Brandon Vruwink was asked to describe in more detail the Federal Foster Youth to Independence Voucher Program.
 - Page 17 – Jordon Bruce was asked to expand on lack of housekeeping services.
- Motion (Fischer/Thao) to approve items pulled from the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services Community, Norwood Health Center

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements.

7) Health Department COVID-19 update

Sue Kunferman directed committee members to page 4 in the packet for additional details of the work being done around COVID-19. She shared case statistics, and announced the National Guard will facilitate another Wood County testing site in Marshfield June 2nd. Contact tracing funding is anticipated, we can expect to need 21 additional FTEs based on DHS models. We are working with Human Resources to bring on LTEs for contact tracers if needed, an eligibility list will be established. The Department of Health Services also has some additional funding for long term local community testing strategies.

[Tom Buttke was excused]

8) Human Services Update on Teleworking

Brandon Vruwink referenced the county policy on teleworking seeking Committee advice or support of ongoing teleworking arrangements. Motion (Fischer/Thao) to approve Health Department, Human Services, and Veteran Services to continue to allow teleworking thru 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

9) Human Services Discussion of Legal Representation in Chapter 48 Matters (Children in Need of Protection or Services, Minor Guardianships, and Termination of Parental Rights)

Mary Solheim described her experience working with legal representation and shared options how various counties act on services to protect children alleged to be in need of protection. Mary walked the Committee through an example of how Wood County currently responds to reports. Mary is looking for permission to explore additional models and consider options that might work better for Wood County; there was Committee consensus to provide that support.

10) Edgewater Haven Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Marissa Laher described specifics of the Edgewater Haven 2021 CIP request. Motion (Thao/Hokamp) to approve the CIP as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

11) Norwood Health Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Jordon Bruce described specifics of the Norwood Health 2021 CIP request. Motion (Valenstein/Thao) to approve the CIP as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

12) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

13) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

14) Next Meeting(s)

- June 25, 2020, 5:00 pm, Wood County Courthouse 114, Wisconsin Rapids (meeting will also be accessible via WebEx)

15) Adjourn

Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.