

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: June 15, 2017

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

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, Brad Kremer, Dennis Pollach, Marion Hokamp, Jeffrey Koszczuk, D.O. and Jessica Vicente (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

EXCUSED: Lori Slattery-Smith R.N., Tom Butke

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Jordon Bruce (Human Services), Cindy Robinson (Edgewater Haven), Sue Kunferman (Health), Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance), Rock Larson (Veterans), Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor), Peter Manley (UW Extension)

1) Call to Order

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

2) Quorum

A quorum was declared.

3) Public Comments

There were no members of the public present to provide public comment. Cindy Robinson, the new Administrator for Edgewater Haven, introduced herself, as did the rest of the people in the room.

4) Strategic Planning for Human Services/Norwood/Edgewater Haven

Committee members voiced their top concerns/issues to begin the strategic planning process. Donna provided background about the resolution passed last meeting to bring Edgewater Haven under the Human Services Department. This resolution also passed in the Judicial and Legislative Committee and will go to full County Board on June 20. Peter Manley provided a general overview of the strategic planning process.

Brandon Vruwink shared budget information and discussed how some of the non-mandated services help to support unfunded mandated services. Brandon emphasized the importance of getting to a point where Human Services can think about prevention as opposed to being reactive as needs arise.

A lengthy discussion followed addressing continuation of the nursing home business, marketing opportunities, the aging population, capital improvements to Edgewater (i.e. private bathrooms), quality care, historical financial positions, “return on investment” on monies spent on services, and the tax implications of bonding for capital improvements.

Peter Manley summarized the discussion and indicated that a strategic goal would be to improve Edgewater’s revenue/sustainability by:

- Moving the TBI from Norwood to Edgewater
- Training for staff to improve Case Mix Index (CME)
- Marketing
- Upgrading the facility (private restrooms)

There was Committee consensus to develop a capital improvement plan and work with fiscal services to identify a more detailed estimate of the potential return on this investment. Department heads were instructed to bring recommendations to the Committee for use of any vacated space that might occur in Norwood as a result of a move of the TBI to Edgewater. A follow-up strategic planning meeting will be scheduled at the next H & HSC meeting to continue discussion of strategic planning for Human Services.

5) Discussion of Human Services space needs in Marshfield

Chair Rozar indicated that Human Services is no longer required to vacate City Hall in Marshfield in September 2018 as previously indicated. This changed timetable allows more discussion of options to meet space needs. Chair Rozar will talk with Corporation Counsel about working with the City of Marshfield to evaluate the status of the Human Services lease. Cornerstone space needs need to not be forgotten as the leased space continues to deteriorate. Campus zoning with the Wood County Annex campus will likely need to be pursued in the City of Marshfield if an additional building is erected on the Wood County Annex property. This zoning might be worth pursuing sooner than later.

There were follow-up discussions regarding the consideration of the Marshfield Knights of Columbus Hall. Motion (Fischer/Kremer) to communicate with Knights of Columbus that Wood County is not prepared to make an offer on the building at this time and would like for Wood County to be listed as an exemption if they list the property with a realtor. Chair Rozar will make that contact. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes taken by Sue Kunferman and reviewed by Marion Hokamp, Secretary.

Minutes subject to Committee approval

Marion Hokamp, Secretary