

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: July 23, 2020

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

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, John Hokamp, Jessica Vicente, Laura Valenstein, Kristen Iniguez, DO, Tom Butkke

ABSENT: Lee Thao, Heather Wellach, RN

EXCUSED: - - -

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Marissa Laher, Mary Solheim, Jo Timmerman, Mary Schlagenhaft, Jordon Bruce (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Lisa Keller (IT); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor); *(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

- n/a

4) Consent Agenda

Pulled from consent agenda – pages 4, 6, 9, 10

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

5) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- Page 4 – Sue Kunferman explained what happened with a local veterinary clinic and closure as a result of close contact with a positive case.
- Page 6 – Sue Kunferman explained the housing research is for Wisconsin Rapids area, if other municipalities reached out to us we would assist in the same capacity.
- Pages 9 & 10 – Jo Timmerman described the source of the supplemental payment awards and how those funds will be utilized.

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

6) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services Community, Norwood Health Center Quarterly Reports – Veterans Service, Health Department

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements and quarterly reports.

7) Health Department COVID-19 update

Sue Kunferman provided an update with number of cases in Wood County. Committee members were directed to page 4 in the packet for detailed work by the department. There are many emails and phone calls surrounding mask mandates, the Health Department is pushing out a mask messaging campaign but no orders to require masks at this time. A meeting with school districts occurred today, most districts will have in-person for elementary grades and cohort groups of in-person/virtual for secondary grades. No decision made on mask requirements for many at this time.

8) Discussion of Road to Recovery Funding

Brandon Vruwink described the funding source available to the county.

- The funds could be used for a screening station and staffing options that could be considered. Motion (Buttke/Vicente) to support the request as described and to pursue the funding from Road to Recovery Funds to hire a screener and setup station. All ayes. Motion carried.
- The funds may also provide an opportunity to compensate employees for their COVID response and/or payout of comp-time earned. Brandon Vruwink and Sue Kunferman are directed to bring back cost estimates for employee compensation and/or comp-time payout.

9) Discussion of TBI Unit

Marissa Laher provided a background with the TBI unit, roadblocks to open as planned, and challenges with recruitment efforts. Marissa shared delays with necessary visits for program approvals to open the unit. At this time she is unable to project when the TBI unit could be functional. As a result Marissa cannot see responsibly budgeting for the unit in 2021. Donna Rozar provided in greater detail the historical background of the TBI unit when initially created, and how it recently transitioned to Edgewater Haven. Jordon Bruce responded to questions regarding census count when the TBI unit was at Norwood Health Center. Marissa spoke briefly on potential use for Edgewater if the wing was not held for a TBI unit. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to disband the TBI unit. All ayes. Motion carried.

10) Edgewater Haven review of CIP

Chairman of Operations Committee requested second review of CIP to assure prioritization of projects due to decisional changes in bonding requirements. Marissa Laher described moving two items from CIP to tax levy, and will seek grant funding for a third item removed from CIP. All three items remain highly prioritized and were removed only due to new parameters.

11) Norwood review of CIP

Jordon Bruce described the movement of all items < \$10,000 to tax levy, and potential reductions to some CIP requests if necessary. If items are not budgeted in CIP and not included in operational budget, it is important to understand contingency funds may be needed at some point in the future.

12) 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 provided four options for the committee to consider on how to address legal representation for Chapter 48 matters in Wood County. Current representation is provided by the District Attorney's office. Motion (Valenstein/Iniguez) to bring this agenda item to the August Health & Human Services Committee meeting and include all parties who may be impacted by the option selected. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to amend the motion to have a joint Judicial Committee with Health & Human Services Committee meeting with all parties involved. Vote on amendment. All ayes. Amendment carries. Vote on amended motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

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)

- August 23, 2020, 5:00 pm, River Block Building, 111 W Jackson Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium (meeting will also be accessible via WebEx)

16) Adjourn

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

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.