

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: June 25, 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, Kristen Iniguez, DO (By WebEx - Heather Wellach, RN)

ABSENT: Tom Buttke

EXCUSED: Jordon Bruce

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Marissa Laher, Mary Solheim, Jo Timmerman, Mary Schlagenhaft (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft, Kristie Egge (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Lisa Keller (IT); Kim McGrath (Human Resources); 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

- Supervisor Clendenning questioned an upcoming ADRC issue which needs full County Board support by four participating counties. The intent of his comment is to make County Board members aware of the vote. The Chair encouraged HHSC County Board members to research the issue and ask questions prior to the vote at the County Board.

4) Health Department presentation: Drug Free Communities Support Program

Kristie Egge described the purpose and outcomes of the Drug Free Communities Support Program. The Health Department will include program expense and grant revenue in 2021 budget in anticipation of the funding award. Kristie explained why the target area of this grant is Wisconsin Rapids and how Marshfield is receiving similar funding through MACY.

5) Consent Agenda

Pages 4, 6, 11, 42, 43 pulled. Motion (Fischer/Thao) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- Minutes edited to show Steve Kulick, MD absent and Kristen Iniguez, DO present.
- Sue Kunferman provided follow-up to DPI guidance on school re-openings.
- Brandon Vruwink provided an update with the award notification of the *Community Partnerships for Diversion from Youth Justice Grant*.
- Brandon Vruwink explained \$145,063 FSET expense for CW Solutions.
- Chair Rozar responded to the question regarding multiple claims with out-of-home placements to "OHP Care Provider". Brandon added further clarification of placement options.

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

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

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements.

8) Health Department COVID-19 update

Sue Kunferman referred Committee members to page six in the packet for further detail of COVID work. Sue shared an update with LTE recruitment efforts and described the labor intensive requirements with negative and positive tests. A list of all funding sources was shared. The Health Department Metrics dashboard, which is updated daily, was shared. Sue also showed "gating metrics" that help guide recommendations. She further responded to questions regarding long-term care facilities reopening. Marissa Laher described where Edgewater Haven is with the process of reopening.

9) Health Department utilization of grant funds for employee COVID Response

Kim McGrath provided a background regarding grant funding to the Health Department that has been redirected to COVID response and the opportunity for using those funds towards recognizing employees involved with this response. Kim described the three components used in determining the amount of each employee allocation. Motion (Hokamp/Iniguez) to approve the one-time COVID response recognition pay to Health Department employees as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

10) Health Department on-call policy

Motion (Fischer/Thao) to approve the Health Department on-call policy as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

11) Discussion of budgeting for Edgewater Haven and Norwood vacant positions for 2021 Health Insurance budget

Chair Rozar explained the purpose of this agenda item, noting significant discussions taking place in an Ad Hoc Committee around the structure of our County health insurance program. Brandon Vruwink shared an update with number of vacancies and proposed removal of FTEs from the 2021 budget. Kim McGrath explained how a new insurance allocation per FTE would go into the 2021 budget.

12) Edgewater Haven 500 North Space Discussion

Reuben Van Tassel shared blueprints of the 500 North space. Marissa Laher shared a proactive approach to better utilization of available space. Motion (Fischer/Thao) to open 500 North Wing for a patient population similar to 500 South Wing. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Brandon Vruwink and Mary Solheim have discussed with Corporation Counsel this issue regarding the feasibility of an additional attorney and associated support staff to support a change in the way the County litigates the above services. They are also considering contracting with a private attorney. Brandon and Mary looked further into external and internal funding mechanisms that could be used to support the chosen option. The decision will be considered in the 2021 budget process. This will be ongoing agenda item for discussion until a decision is made.

14) Edgewater Haven Discussion of Expense Related to Compressor Failure

Marissa provided an update with the EH maintenance budget as it pertains to the unbudgeted expense for a compressor replacement earlier this year.

15) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

16) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

17) Next Meeting(s)

- July 23, 2020, 5:00 pm, Wood County Courthouse 114, Wisconsin Rapids (meeting will also be accessible via WebEx)

18) Adjourn

Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.