

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, December 21, 2023

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: River Block – Rm 206

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Rebecca Spiros (WebEx), Lori Nordman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kristin Iniguez, Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list.

1. Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
2. Chair Fischer declared a quorum present.
3. There were no public comments
4. The consent agenda was presented for approval. Fischer pulled pages 10 & 14 for further discussion. Fischer congratulated Katie Miloch, the newly selected Deputy Director of Human Services. Norwood Administrator Kornack provided an update on the criminal case against a former Norwood employee. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The tentative dates for the HHS Committee meetings was presented. Motion by Rozar/Hokamp to approve the dates and locations, with Edgewater Haven being added to the rotation. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Erica Sherman, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, did a presentation on Parents as Teachers. This program helps families boost their children's health, safety and ability to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. She reviewed the model and curriculum as well as the goals, essential requirements, and anticipated outcomes. Questions & answers followed.
7. Health Director Smith reviewed the Opioid Settlement Plan and the resolution authorizing the spend down of the funds received as a part of the settlement. The expenditures out of this fund would be reviewed each year and be dependent on what is in the fund. Motion by Hokamp/Buttke to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Vruwink updated the committee on the status of Wood County children being placed at Lincoln Hills or Copper Lake Schools. In 2024, there are 3 children expected to be placed at different times throughout the year. The expense was noted and discussed. This could negatively affect the Human Services budget in the future if the trend continues.

9. Vruwink informed the committee of possible upcoming grant opportunities as it relates to school truancy and mental health. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to support application of these grants. Motion carried unanimously. Vruwink will keep the committee apprised of applications going forward.
10. Vruwink announced that Wood County has been awarded another 5-year grant to administer FSET. We are only one of two counties selected, and this is the third 5-year contract we have been awarded.
11. Future meetings: Thursday, January 25, 2024 – Norwood Classroom
12. Motion by Rozar/Hokamp to move into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats. to consider leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to return into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Chairman Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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