

MINUTES HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2024
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center, Marshfield - Classroom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Rebecca Spiros, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein (arrived at 5:03 PM), Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in list.

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The consent agenda was presented for approval. Hokamp requested page 13 be pulled.
 - a. Hokamp inquired about the FSET CNA training graduates and where they were in the hiring process. Vruwink stated they were in the background check portion. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Chair Rozar reviewed the application status of those that applied for the two citizen positions on the committee. After a withdrawal of an applicant, there is only one physician applicant remaining. Rozar inquired about the committee interview the candidate or go straight to a motion to recommend appointment. Motion by Buttke/Thao to recommend to the county board chair that Dr. Kristin Iniguez be reappointed as the physician representative to the Health & Human Services Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Chair Rozar stated there were 3 interested candidates for the consumer/family representative to the committee. One applicant was not able to be at the meeting for the interview. The other two applicants were interviewed. Motion by Buttke/Spiros that Melanie Kretchmer & Leslie Kronstedt be nominated for recommendation and that a secret ballot be conducted. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Kornack was appointed ballot clerk. The results were Kronstedt – 5; Kretchmer – 2. Kronstedt will be recommended to the county board chair for appointment.
6. Kunferman presented the financial standing of the opioid settlement dollars and that there is \$362,000 to allocate. She is putting together a simple application form for interested groups to apply for those funds. She asked that, for expedience and timing of the budget process, the Operations Committee review the applications and award the funding. Committee consensus offered concurrence.

7. Administrator Cielewicz reviewed the new CMS mandate for skilled nursing facilities and its effect on the nation, state, and locally. The one area the county does not meet the new standard is in the 24-hour coverage of a registered nurse. Different scenarios were discussed as it relates to cost vs. profit. Cielewicz was asked to work with Wipfli on a cost of doing a study of better usage of underutilized areas of the nursing home.
8. Vruwink presented an employee request for tuition reimbursement, according to policy, for an employee completing her education to be a licensed counsellor. They are currently a case worker. Motion by Buttke/Valenstein to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Kornack reviewed the steps taken so far to remediate the water issues at the Wood County Annex & Health Center. The disinfectant unit should be in place by the end of June. After many inquiries, a cost for design services was received for \$180,000. Discussion ensued on possible other entities and timelines. Motion by Valenstein/Thao to move forward with the current proposal of \$180,000. Motion carried 4-3. Voting no were Buttke, Spiros, & Wheeler-Schueller.
10. Vruwink presented a resolution to add two Child Long Term Support positions. The funding would come from the increased Medicaid funding. Motion by Buttke/Spiros to approve the resolution and forward it onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Future meetings:
 - a. Thursday, June 27th, 5:00 PM, Edgewater Haven Nursing Home, Port Edwards.
12. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

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

