

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2025
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center - Classroom
Marshfield, WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein, Rebecca Spiros, Leslie Kronstedt

MEMBER EXCUSED Dr. Tim Golemgski

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

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM declared a quorum present and had everyone introduce themselves.
2. Under public comment, Chair Rozar presented a plaque to Human Services Director Brandon Vruwink for his 20 years of service to Wood County.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed with inquires answered. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. There were two applicants for the citizen member (with interest/competence in Public/Community Health) to the Health & Human Services Committee, Rachel Stankowski and Marie Topping. Both were present and introduced themselves and gave a brief biography of their related experience. Since the applications went out, Mrs. Spiros indicated that she did not wish to be reappointed to another term on the committee when her term expires in April. She serves as the Registered Nurse member. Topping is a registered nurse as well. Motion by Buttke/Spiros to recommend to County Board Chairman Pliml for county board approval Rachel Stankowski as the citizen member to fill the unexpired term and Marie Topping as the registered nurse member. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Citizen Member Kronstedt has recently taken a casual position as an LPN at Edgewater Haven Nursing home, working up to 4 shifts per month. As she sits as a member of the oversight committee, Corporation Counsel Kastholz advised that this could be an incompatibility for office situation, however so long as Kronstedt abstains from voting on any measure dealing with Edgewater Haven, it would not be grounds for resignation or removal from the committee. After discussion with Kronstedt and Human Services/Edgewater Administration, the committee consensus was to agree to Kronstedt continuing serving on the committee, however if she were to take a part time or full-time position with Edgewater Haven, the committee would address the incompatibility for office at that time.

6. Vruwink presented a resolution to create 2 FTE Children Support and Service Coordinator positions in Human Services. Wisconsin law prohibits wait listing children enrolled in this program and one has been started. The addition of these two non-levy funded positions will eliminate the wait list. Motion by Valenstein/Thao to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
7. ADRC-CW Executive Director Mike Rhea answered questions of the committee and explained the program cut backs in the nutrition areas and its effects on the users and Norwood's budget. He apologized for not communicating these issues in a timely manner as budgets were being developed last year. He explained the prioritization of services being implemented and the firm segregation of funding for the programs. He is working different methods to mitigate further budget and service issues. Norwood Administrator Kornack reviewed the budget implications and the subsequent adjustments being made.
8. Pamela Lee is a Recovery Corp (under AmeriCorp service) recovery coach working in the Health Dept. She shared her life story, the impacts it had on her, and the work she does as a recovery coach in Wood County. She shared statistics on the efforts of recovery coaching throughout the state and in Wood County.
9. Health Director Smith presented an out of state travel request to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Opioid Solutions Leadership Network Meeting in Washington D.C. from April 29-May 2, 2025 with all expenses paid by NACo. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Norwood Administrator Kornack provided an update to the water management mitigation. Engineers and architects have been onsite and continue planning for future construction and replacement of the infrastructure.
11. Kornack asked the committee to consider moving to a voluntary hospitalization model in the Admissions unit, whereby allowing a larger population access to the facility and increasing billable bed days. Right now, our billable days are decreasing and, if continued, will have a negative financial impact on the facility. Committee consensus directed Kornack to continue to research and implement this plan.
12. Kornack presented a resolution to amend the 2025 Norwood CIP budget for expenses related to the water management mitigation. These are carryover funds. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Rozar requested permission for per diem and reimbursement for attendance at a Leading Age conference being held in Madison. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Motion by Valenstein/Buttke to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(f) to consider leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to return into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
16. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th at 5:00 PM at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home in Port Edwards.
17. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Jue Smith	Health
Katie Miloch	WCHSD
JUSTIN CIESLEWICZ	EWH
Rock Larson	Veterans
Nick Flanagan	Cap. Council
Peter Kasteholz	" "
Bronson Uruwirth	HSD
Mike Rhee	ADRC
Marie Topping	constituent
Bill Oleschansky	WCB # 15 -
Marissa Ranaek	Newwood
Mary Schlayerhaft	HSD
Rochel Stankowski	President
Pamela Lee	Health Dept
Kalyia Yang (WebEx)	Finance Director
Darrin Steinbach (WebEx)	Deputy Finance Director