

MINUTES HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2025
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Edgewater Haven Nursing Home – Conference Room
Port Edwards, WI

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

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

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed. Motion by Thao/Buttke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Patrick Carroll from Wipfli presented information about converting a current wing of Edgewater Haven to a CBRF. He reviewed financial modeling and various financial analysis' used to arrive at the modeling. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz reviewed a preliminary floor plan. The estimated cost of the conversion in order to meet state codes is \$2.2 million, however there is around \$500,000 in upcoming CIP projects that could be removed if the conversion took place. Consensus of the committee was to move forward and review with Corp Counsel and others on appropriate next steps.
5. There are currently two vacancies on the HHS Committee, one being the physician appointment and medical advisor, due to the resignation of Dr. Kristin Iniguez. This position is extremely time sensitive due to the fact that Health Dept. orders and Medicaid reimbursements need signatures of the county medical advisor. Dr. Tim Golemgieski introduced himself to the committee and reviewed his background. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to recommend Dr. Golemgieski to the county board chair for appointment to the HHS Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The other vacancy is for a member with demonstrated interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. Consensus of the committee was to direct the County Clerk to advertise for this position.
7. Health Director Smith presented an out of state travel request for employees to attend the 2025 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review: Turning the Tide in Portland, Oregon, on February 11–12, 2025 with all expenses paid with grant funds. Motion by Hokamp/Kronstedt to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Norwood Administrator Kornack provided an update to the water management mitigation. Engineers and architects will be onsite soon to continue planning for future construction and replacement of the infrastructure.
9. Human Services Director Vruwink and Kornack reviewed the cut back of meals from ADRC-CW for their congregate meal sites and meals on wheels program, due to cut backs in federal funding. This affects the budget at Norwood and steps have been taken to mitigate the loss of revenue. They expressed frustration on the lack of information coming from the ADRC-CW leadership on this and other cutbacks being considered after ADRC-CW requested an increase in their financial support. The committee expressed the same frustration. An in-person meeting will be set up with ADRC-CW, County Board Chair Pliml, HHS Committee Chair Rozar, Vruwink, and Kornack.
10. Kornack reviewed the medical staff appointment/reappointments for the facility. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve all medical staff appointment/reappointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Vruwink presented a tuition reimbursement request from an employee working to become a licensed professional counselor. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Cielewicz and County Facilities Manager Van Tassel reviewed a recent water main break and the actions taken after to replace the entire lateral. The pipe broke under the facility generator and transfer switch and testing will be conducted to ensure these systems remain functional.
13. Motion by Hokamp/Buttke to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(f) to consider leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to return into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
15. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th at 5:00 PM at the Wood County Annex and Health Center Classroom in Marshfield.
16. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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

