

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: March 23, 2023

PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center - Classroom, Marshfield (meeting also accessible via WebEx)

PRESENT: (in-person) Adam Fischer, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Rebecca Spiros RN, Kristen Iniguez DO
(via WebEx) n/a

ABSENT: Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller, Donna Rozar, Lori Nordman

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Mary Solheim, Kyle Theiler, Marissa Kornack, Mary Schlagenhaft (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Smith, Kathy Alft, Sara Luchini, Kristie Egge, Ashley Normington, Mel Johnson (Health Department); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor)

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chair.

2) Quorum

Fischer declared a quorum.

3) Public Comments

- n/a

4) Approval to Implement Syringe Services Program

This agenda item was presented and discussed last month with no action taken. Sue Smith described the potential to apply for grant funding which would further support the syringe exchange and other harm reduction efforts. Motion (Buttke/Iniguez) to approve the program and grant application. All ayes. Motion carried.

5) Health Department Presentation on Healthy Smiles for Wood County Program

Kristie Egge presented information about the Healthy Smiles for Wood County Program, a school-based oral health program to help prevent cavities and keep kids healthy. Data with number of children seen and types of care received was shared.

6) Consent Agenda

Veterans page 25 pulled. Jail Survey Project pages 16-21 pulled.

7) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- Brandon Vruwink responded to concerns about statistics in the Jail Survey Project.
- Rock Larson provided additional information with Veteran programs and services available.
- Motion (Hokamp/Thao) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements.

9) Update and Recap of River Block Building Power Outage

Reuben Van Tassel shared (via email) an update with the recent power outage to River Block Building. The building is currently receiving power by means of a temporary line, which must be relocated as soon as it is reasonable to do so. Sara Luchini briefly shared the Health Department's emergency response actions.

10) River Block Security Update

Information regarding access changes within River Block have been sent to all County employees and Board members. Work is nearly complete.

11) Resolution to amend the 2023 budget for Veteran Services for unanticipated State Grant Funding

Rock Larson explained reasons for variance of budgeted expenditures. Motion (Buttke/Thao) to support the Resolution as presented and forward to the Operations Committee for co-sponsorship and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

12) Edgewater Haven Ad Hoc Committee Update

Kyle Theiler provided an update with activity.

13) State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Crisis Program Billing Changes

Brandon Vruwink described program billing changes, a program update will change assessment reimbursements that will result in a significant cut in revenue. The purpose of this agenda item is to bring awareness to the potential of lost revenue.

14) Health Department out-of-state travel request to attend the NACo (National Association of Counties) Opioid Solutions Leadership Network meeting in Granville and Vance Counties NC April 18-20, 2023 with all expenses paid by NACo

Sue Smith shared purpose of travel request and noted this agenda item is an update only. Due to time constraints, along with the fact that funds are available from other than tax levy sources, and in concurrence with HHSC Chair Fischer, County Board Chair Lance Pliml approved the travel. All expenses will be covered by NACo.

15) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

16) Comments from the Chair

Chair Fischer presented Rock Larson with a 20 year service award. Chair Fischer also recognized Kyle Theiler for his outstanding work leading Edgewater.

17) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

18) Next Meeting(s)

- April 27, 2023, 5:00 pm, River Block Building Room 206 – Wisconsin Rapids

19) Closed Session

Motion (Hokamp/Thao) to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. for competitive or bargaining reasons to discuss compensation for Interim Administrator at Edgewater Haven. Fischer: Aye, Buttke: Aye, Hokamp: Aye, Thao: Aye, Iniquez: Aye, Spiros: Aye. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 5:37 p.m.

20) Return to Open Session

Motion (Buttke/Thao) to return to open session at 5:58 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

21) Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.