

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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DATE: February 23, 2023

PLACE: River Block Building, Room 206 – Wisconsin Rapids (meeting also accessible via WebEx)

PRESENT: (in-person) Adam Fischer, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Lori Nordman
(via WebEx) Kristen Iniguez DO, Donna Rozar, Rebecca Spiros RN

EXCUSED: Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Mary Solheim, Kyle Theiler, Marissa Kornack, Lee Ackermann, Mary Schlagenhaft, Olivia Lloyd (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Kathy Alft, Ben Jeffrey, Kristie Egge, Melony Johnson, Ashley Normington (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Bill Clendenning, Dennis Polach (County Board Supervisors),

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) Syringe Services Program at River Block

Ashley Normington introduced the idea of a possible LifePoint satellite program for Wood County. Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) fact sheets and FAQ documents were shared with committee members. Gary Garski (Portage County Health & Human Services) was introduced to share his experience with a syringe access program. Megan Birginal (3-Bridges Recovery) shared additional information with benefits of a program. There were no committee member questions at this time.

5) Environmental Health 2023-2024 license fee changes (agenda item moved with consensus of committee)

Ben Jeffrey presented the proposed 2023-2024 license fee schedule changes. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to approve the fee schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Adopt the Wood County Rabies Control Policy and Procedures and the statutory penalty provisions attendant thereto via the Wood County Code of Ordinances (agenda item moved with consensus of committee)

Ben Jeffrey explained the reason for adding the language in the Wood County Code of Ordinances. Motion (Thao/Buttke) to support the Resolution as presented and forward to the Public Safety Committee for co-sponsorship and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

7) Consent Agenda

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8) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- EDGEWATER HAVEN – Kyle Theiler responded to question regarding snow and ice removal. Motion (Hokamp/Thao) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements.

10) River Block Renovations

Reuben Van Tassel provided an update with progress towards the River Block renovations. Reuben shared anticipated planning with next steps.

11) Edgewater Haven Ad Hoc Committee Update

Kyle Theiler provided a brief update with activity.

12) Human Services Risk Reserve Policy

Brandon Vruwink reported on use of risk reserve funds, noting nothing is anticipated being needed at this time.

13) Resolution to amend the 2022 Norwood Health Center budget

Motion (Rozar/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.

14) Consideration of using additional Transportation Program Trust funding to purchase a new bus

Brandon Vruwink provided an update with plans to purchase a new bus and unanticipated increase in costs. Brandon explained where additional funding is available and Wood County's increase in contribution. Brandon further described the potential for funding from the Transportation Program Trust. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to purchase the bus with funding as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

15) Norwood Health Center Lobby/Building Security Project Proposal

Marissa Kornack and Lee Ackerman presented a proposal for redesigned access to the Norwood Health and Annex entrance to provide increased security. Additional exterior security issues were shared with proposed improvements for consideration. Brandon Vruwink responded to the question if this would qualify for ARPA dollars. Motion (Buttke/Nordman) to send the proposal to the ARPA Committee for consideration and approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

16) Health Department out-of-state travel request to attend the NACCHO (National Association City & County Health Officials) Annual Conference in Denver CO July 10-13, 2023 with all expenses paid with grant funds

Conference details and learning objectives were shared in the committee packet. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to authorize attendance to the NACCHO Annual Conference in Denver CO with all expenses paid using grant funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

17) Health Department out-of-state travel request to attend the Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Prevention Core Competencies Pilot Training in Minneapolis MN March 13-15, 2023 with all expenses paid by scholarship award or grant funds

Kathy Alft shared conference details and learning objectives 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 the PTTC National Coordinating Office.

18) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

19) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

20) Next Meeting(s)

- March 23, 2023, 5:00 pm, Wood County Annex & Health Center, Classroom - Marshfield

21) Closed Session

Motion (Hokamp/Buttke) to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats. to consider three leave of absence requests. Fischer: Aye, Rozar: Aye, Buttke: Aye, Hokamp: Aye, Thao: Aye, Iniguez: Aye, Spiros: Aye, Nordman: Aye. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 5:52 p.m.

22) Return to Open Session

Motion (Hokamp/Thao) to return to open session at 6:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

23) Adjourn

Chair Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.