

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: April 27, 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) Rebecca Spiros RN, Donna Rozar, Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller joined and left during agenda item 12

EXCUSED: Kristen Iniguez DO

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Mary Solheim, Marissa Kornack, Mary Schlagenhaft (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Smith, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair); Bill Clendenning, Jeff Penzkover, 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) Veterans Service Presentation: State Veteran Benefits Overview

Rock Larson described the various benefits available to Wisconsin State Veterans.

5) Consent Agenda

Motion (Buttke/Thao) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- n/a

**7) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services, Norwood Health Center
Quarterly Reports – Veterans Service, Health Department**

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements and quarterly reports.

8) Edgewater Haven Ad Hoc Committee Update

Brandon Vruwink shared an update with signage.

9) River Block Security Update

Reuben Van Tassel provided an update with the work completed to-date.

10) Annual Human Services Risk Reserve Review

Brandon Vruwink explained the annual review requirement for additional funding, if any, is requested. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to transfer \$250,000 into the Risk Reserve Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

**11) Human Services Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Review: Community, Edgewater, and Norwood
2024-2028 Projects**

CIP requests were shared in the packet. Brandon Vruwink, Marissa Kornack, and Mary Solheim described projects and priorities of Edgewater, Norwood, and Community. As needed, Reuben Van Tassel provided additional information and responded to questions. Motion (Buttke/Thao) to approve the Capital Improvement Projects as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

12) Review of Edgewater Haven Operations

Brandon Vruwink and Marissa Kornack provided an overview of Edgewater operations and financials, both from a historical perspective and future projections. This background led into discussions regarding expectations of the facility and industry trends.

13) Update on State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Crisis Program Billing Changes

Brandon Vruwink shared advocacy efforts towards crisis program billing changes.

14) Request from Human Services employee for Tuition Reimbursement per the County's Tuition Assistance Program

Brandon Vruwink explained the county's policy for tuition reimbursement and presented a request from a Human Services employee. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to approve the request as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

15) Human Services Request to Create a Stipend for Clinical Oversight

Brandon Vruwink explained the need to create a \$250 monthly stipend for clinical oversight. Motion (Thao/Hokamp) to authorize a \$250 monthly stipend as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

16) Discussion on end of funding for COVID-19 testing at Norwood and Edgewater

Marissa Kornack announced the end of funding for COVID-19 testing, yet regulations have remained the same. Marissa explained mitigation strategies that are ongoing. Motion (Rozar/Buttke) to discontinue testing requirements for those employees with exemption approvals. All ayes. Motion carried.

17) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

18) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

19) Next Meeting(s)

- May 25, 2023, 5:00 pm, Wood County Annex & Health Center, Classroom - Marshfield

20) Closed Session

Motion (Buttke/Thao) to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats. to consider leave of absence request(s). Fischer: Aye, Rozar: Aye, Buttke: Aye, Hokamp: Aye, Thao: Aye, Spiros: Aye, Nordman: Aye. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 6:48 p.m.

21) Return to Open Session

Motion (Buttke/Thao) to return to open session at 6:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

22) Adjourn

Chair Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.