

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2023
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Norwood Health Center - Classroom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Donna Rozar (arrived 5:03 PM), Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Rebecca Spiros, Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kristin Iniguez, Lori Nordman

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

1. Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and opened the §85.21 Public Hearing for the Wood County Transportation Program.
2. There were no public comments in the Public Hearing.
3. Human Services Community Resources Supervisor Olivia Lloyd provided a year in review report on the Transportation Program in Wood County, sharing the number of rides given and what those rides were for. She also reviewed the current coordination plan and goals going forward. The current plan expires at the end of 2023 and the Regional Plan Commission is working on a new plan.
4. Chair Fischer closed the public hearing at 5:04 PM.
5. Chair Fischer declared a quorum present.
6. The consent agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Spiros/Wheeler-Schueller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Health Director Smith presented the out of state travel request to attend the National Association of Counties 2024 Legislative Conference February 9-13, 2024 in Washington DC with all expenses paid by Health Department COVID-ARPA grant funds. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Smith presented an update from the Opioid Task Force and the desire of that task force to use a portion of that funding to help pay for a new Family Health Center in Wisconsin Rapids. There is uncertainty in the amount of future settlements, but they are looking at having a separate budget just for the Opioid Settlement Funds for ease of reporting. This update will be shared with the Judicial & Legislative and Public Safety Committees.
9. Smith provided an update on the student project regarding water safety and PFAs. They continue to analyze the public data from the DNR website and are working on infographics that pertain only to the Wood County information.

10. Two budget amendment resolutions were presented to the committee. Both of these are due to additional funding received. Motion by Rozar/Thao to approve the budget amendment resolutions for WIC and ADAMS/JUNEAU and forward onto the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Rozar & Vruwink provided brief legislative updates concerning some bills passed and the Truancy Task Force, headed up by Rep. Scott Krug.
12. Future meetings: Thursday, December 21st at 5:00 PM – River Block Auditorium
13. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to move into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats. to consider leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Thao/Buttke to return into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Rozar/Spiros to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), to conduct performance reviews of department heads they oversee. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Motion by Spiros/Wheeler-Schueller to return into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Chairman Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

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

