

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** May 25, 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,  
**(via WebEx)** Donna Rozar, Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller,

**EXCUSED:** Kristen Iniguez DO, Lori Nordman

**ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting):** Brandon Vruwink, Mary Solheim, Marissa Kornack, Mary Schlagenhaft, Adam Gould (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Smith, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Amy Kaup (IT); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair); Bill Leichtnam (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) Consent Agenda**

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

**5) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda**

n/a.

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

Department staff were available to answer questions regarding information in the financial statements.

**7) Edgewater and Norwood CIP Review**

Brandon Vruwink provided an update with a recommended cut to the Edgewater CIP request as presented last month. Brandon also shared an update with the kitchen and laundry room projects, with one over and the other under budget. There are enough surplus funds to cover the expense needed. Marissa Kornack provided an update with a recommended cut to the Norwood CIP request as presented last month.

**8) Edgewater Haven Ad Hoc Committee Update**

Brandon Vruwink asks that the committee meet soon to help move the sign proposal forward.

**9) Review Interim Administrator Coverage at Edgewater Haven**

Brandon Vruwink shared experiences with Interim Administrator coverage. Marissa Kornack shared her perspective. An Administrator has been hired with an anticipated late July start date.

**10) Human Services Review of Incentive Pay and Shift Differential Options**

Brandon Vruwink provided an overview of recent experiences in the Crisis Stabilization Unit, and further described the work performed within that unit. Brandon shared challenges with staffing overnight shifts. Shift differential options to improve retention and/or recruitment were presented for consideration. Adam Gould further described in more detail the logistics of providing service to residents in person and assistance with call center. Motion (Buttke/Spiros) to approve a Crisis Intervention and Bridgeway Unit \$1.50/hour shift differential for the 7pm-7am shift effective July 1, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brandon shared an Essential Duty Pay policy and intended goals with implementation of this policy. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to support the policy as presented and forward to Operations Committee for consideration. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brandon also described the on-call policies in existence. Motion (Spiros/Hokamp) to approve the on-call policies for Family Service and the Yes Team. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lastly, Brandon wanted the Committee aware of current practice to compensate work performed when reporting during on-call. It has since been deemed unallowable per the current policy handbook. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to support the past practice of compensation and forward to Operation Committee for consideration. All ayes. Motion carried.

**11) Human Services Request for Permission to Solicit Donations for the Purpose of Offering Scholarships for Foster Care Summer Camp**

Brandon Vruwink described the opportunity to have a summer camp for children in foster care and kinship care. Motion (Spiros/Thao) to grant permission to solicit donations for the purpose of offering scholarships. All ayes. Motion carried.

**12) Opioid Settlement Update**

Sue Smith provided an update with the Opioid Settlement and task force efforts. Sue described possible options to be considered with funds and asked for input from the Committee regarding those options. The Committee was in favor of Sue bringing back a possible resolution in July on how to spend the funds if she felt it was necessary.

**13) Discussion/update regarding private well contamination**

Sue Smith described a concern with a Grand Rapids private well contamination issue. Sue shared a Benzene – Tox FAQ and stated the issue is being addressed by different entities.

**14) Legislative Issue Updates**

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

**15) Request the committee to allow the county to end the COVID-19 vaccination policy when CMS ends their mandate**

Marissa Kornack noted end of the CMS vaccine mandate is expected. Motion (Wheeler-Schueller/Spiros) to end the COVID-19 vaccination policy when CMS ends their mandate. All ayes. Motion carried.

**16) Items for Future Agenda**

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

**17) Next Meeting(s)**

- June 22, 2023, 5:00 pm, River Block Building Room 206 – Wisconsin Rapids

**18) Adjourn**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.