

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, July 24, 2025
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Edgewater Haven Nursing Home – Port Edwards

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein, Rachel Stankowski, Marie Topping, Leslie Kronstedt

MEMBER EXCUSED: Dr. Tim Golemgski

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

1. Chair Rozar called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed with inquiries being addressed. Motion by Valenstein/Thao to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Supervisor Clendenning asked that the Veterans Memorial Update be added to this agenda as a request from a constituent. However, he is now asking this item be removed. Veterans Service Officer Larson and County Clerk Miner explained that the county does not fund anything with the memorial in front of the courthouse, and the 2009 resolution of the Wood County Board spells out roles and responsibilities of this area. Any inquiries about the area and memory stone donations are directed to the citizen committee that developed the area. There has been some damage done to the cobblestones by the HVAC contractor and that will be fixed by them before the project is completed.
5. Public Health Policy & Communication Coordinator Kayleigh Mengel gave a presentation on a pilot program called Catch-a-Ride. This is currently being done in Waupaca County with hopes it will take off in Wood County. She explained the concept and where this program would come into play outside of what is currently offered for transportation. This item was identified as a need in the strategic planning process just completed.
6. Health Dept. Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives Kristie Egge reviewed the Health Committee Toolkit that has been put together and is being used around that state as a learning tool for local boards of health. It has many hyperlinks attached for more information and various topic germane to the Health Dept. and committee members.

7. Egge reviewed the mid-year opioid settlement grant update with the committee as well as an anticipated payment schedule going forward. The report is linked to the county website, on the home page.
8. Linda Casper presented the Safe Haven Baby Box concept to the committee. The state law has been changed whereby it allows for newborns to be given up by their mothers within certain time frames. The box is usually located within fire department structures as one of the prerequisites is that when a baby is placed in the box, an alarm goes off, and within 5 minutes, a first-responder has to remove the child from the box. The consensus of the committee was to support this concept for the placement of a box somewhere in Wood County.
9. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz reported on the water lateral failure earlier this year and the actions taken to date to remedy the damage caused to the electrical lines of the generator. The conduit will need to be cleaned out from the sediment that was flushed into the lines due to the lateral failure. Bid documents will be going out soon and work with the insurance company continues.
10. Cieslewicz reported that the design contract with the Samuels Group for the CBRF has been finalized and signed with a kickoff meeting scheduled within the week.
11. Norwood Administrator Kornack reviewed the current status of the Norwood water management noting that design work continues with the hopes of going to bid later this fall.
12. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to go into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats to consider leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Buttke/Kronstedt to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28th at 5:00 PM at the Wood County Annex & Health Center Classroom.
15. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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

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