

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, October 23, 2025
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center - Classroom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Laura Valenstein (WebEx, arrived 5:05 PM), Marie Topping, Dr. Tim Golemgieski

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Leslie Kronstedt, Rachel Stankowski

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 was no public comment.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed. Motion by Buttke/Golemgieski to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Kurt Berner and Henry Kropp from the Samuels Group provided the committee with schematics and updates on the work that would need to be done to convert a wing to a CBRF. The next step would be to have the state approve the concept and drawing and then getting final estimates for the county board. It was suggested to get the PIT Committee on board with the project as well. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to move to the next stage in plan design and provide to the state for their review pending review by the PIT Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Health Director Smith presented two resolutions to amend the budgets of Health Smiles and Adams/Juneau. Motion by Buttke/Golemgieski to approve the resolutions and forward to the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Smith provided an update to the ongoing strategic planning in the Health Dept. The timeline for completion is approximately March of 2026.
7. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz reviewed the bed licensure process with the state and the financial implication and staffing requirements of having over 50 beds filled and the cost of keeping the empty beds on the books. It is recommended to give back 29 beds to the state and go to 50 beds under license. Motion by Thao/Topping to reduce the Edgewater Haven bed count to 50. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Maintenance Director Van Tassel informed the committee that plans for the Norwood Water project are not yet complete and that this project probably will not go out to bid until early 2026 while the architect work through remediation issues.
9. Deputy Human Services Director reported that the Sheriff's Dept. will be collaborating with Human Services on mental health programming starting next year and that notice has been given to the current contractor by the Sheriff.
10. Assistant Norwood Administrator Haanstad presented medical staff reappointments for Norwood. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the reappointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Human Services Director Vruwink discussed the continued advocating for funding for the SNAP program and reviewed the correspondence sent to date.
12. Chair Rozar handed out department head performance evaluation information to be reviewed before the next meeting.
13. Motion by Hokamp/Topping to allow per diem and mileage to Chair Rozar to attend the upcoming PIT Committee meeting to discuss the Edgewater CBRF proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Hokamp/Golemgieski to move into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(f) to consider a leave of absence for an employee. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.
16. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 5:00 PM at Edgewater Haven Nursing Home Conference Room.
17. Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

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

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