

MINUTES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2023
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center, Dining Room - Marshfield

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Kristin Iniguez, Rebecca Spiros (WebEx), Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lori Nordman

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list; Lance Pliml (WebEx), other unidentifiable participants, via WebEx.

1. Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared a quorum present.
2. Chairman Fischer opened the floor to public comments, with a 3-minute limit. Nine county residents made comments opposing any mandates for masking, vaccines, or shutdowns like what was had during COVID 19. Many encouraged Wood County to adopt a resolution, like Marathon County, stating that. Public comment was then closed.
3. Discussion on opposition to mandates was held by the committee. It was pointed out to those in attendance that the Wood County Health Department, nor its Health Officer, signed any orders related to COVID 19 and that the mandates being discussed were handed down by the state and federal government. The pros and cons of a resolution were discussed. Motion by Wheeler-Schueller/Buttke to direct Corporation Counsel to draft a resolution opposing any COVID 19 like mandates in the future (based on the Marathon County resolution) and bring back to the next Health & Human Services Committee meeting for review. Motion carried 6-2. Voting no were Thao and Iniguez.
4. Chair Fischer called a recess at 6:00 PM and reconvened at 6:08 PM.
5. The consent agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Rozar/Thao to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Administrators Kornack & Cieslewicz brought forward a proposal to move dietary aids to a different grade within the pay scale to make these positions more competitive with outside employers. This item is on the agenda for the Operations Committee. Motion by Rozar/Hokamp to approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Administrator Cieslewicz and Director Vruwink discussed the CNA wages currently being paid at Wood County facilities. They presented wages of different care facilities and a proposal to move

the CNA wages up. Motion by Thao/Spiros to refer this to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Legislative Updates:

- CAP Days coming up in October

9. Future meetings:

- a. Thursday, October 26th at 5:00 PM – River Block Auditorium

10. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to move into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(f) Wis. Stats. to consider leave of absence request. Motion carried unanimously at 6:42 PM. Spiros left the meeting at 6:42 PM. *(Closed session minutes kept separately and are on file in the Office of County Clerk)*

11. Motion by Buttke/Thao to return into open session. Motion carried unanimously at 6:45 PM.

12. Chairman Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Martina Karnack	Norwood
Tom Heiser	Self
She Smith	Health Dept.
Diane Wenzel	self
PAUL WITTEL	SELF
Mary Schlegel	HSD
Lottie Schmitz	Self
Anita Jacisin	self
Joe Humphrey	Self
Mike Demo	self
Becky Capriles	self
Lynn Derric	Self - freedom
Laura Ewell	Self - freedom !!!
Nancy Peterson	self - freedom !!
GURIS EAPEN	SELF
Shawn M. Wenzel	Self
Steve Katona	Self
Debbie Katona	Self
Marilyn Penzance	Self
Ray & Lynn LeBlanc	SELF
MIKE O'REILLY	SELF
Eileen Liberty	myself
Caren Weister	Self + husband
Debbie Goodyear	self
James Goodyear	self
Linda Olson	Self
Dickie O'Reilly	self.
Jerry Koll	Self

Name

Loiste Strake	—	Marshfield
Gary TeStrake	—	MARSHFIELD
Doug Hawks	—	MARSHFIELD