

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Health and Human Services and Veterans Service Committee

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date:

Location: Department of Health and Human Services
Buffalo County Courthouse – 3rd Floor
3rd Floor Conference Room
407 S 2nd Street, Alma, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Joette Gillett at 6:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll call was taken. Members present were Joette Gillett, Nettie Rosenow, Richard Mueller, Wendy Kleinschmidt, and Linda Smith. John Kriesel was an excused absence.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Dave Rynders, April Loeffler, Stephen La Valla, James Goss and Mary Hildebrand

2. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – VETERANS SERVICES MONTHLY VOUCHERS

Mr. Goss presented the monthly vouchers. Registration has been completed for the upcoming State conference to be held in May which the new CVSO will attend. A motion was made by Mr. Mueller to accept the vouchers as presented and Ms. Kleinschmidt seconded the motion. Motion approved. Mr. Goss shared his last day is next week and this is his final meeting. Mr. Rynders extended his thanks for Mr. Goss's service. Mr. Mueller inquired as to how many Veterans are in Buffalo County, in 2018 Mr. Goss reported having approximately 936 and in 2002 there were 1600 Veterans.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

Ms. Loeffler reported on an uptick in influenza, and shared the Public Health department is notified only when it is associated with a hospitalization. A nursing student presented risks and information on JUULing and vaping at 8th grade day, 5th & 6th grade day, and senior day which involves all the schools and is sponsored by the Buffalo County Partnership Counsel. JUUL (electronic nicotine delivery system) and e-cigarettes resemble a USB flash drive or a ball point pen. These devices are increasingly being used in schools throughout Buffalo County.

Ms. Loeffler shared information regarding a Community Health Improvement and Assessment meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 14th from 12:00 to 1:00 PM to check-in on what activities have happened around the Community Health Improvement plan; alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health are the priority areas.

Vaccinations were discussed; Ms. Loeffler reported Buffalo County does not have a 100% vaccination rate.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NARCAN TRAINING

Narcan (an antidote for opioid overdose) training presented by Nicole Sorenson is scheduled for May 2nd at 3 PM in the Courthouse and training in Mondovi at 5 PM; Ms. Loeffler has reached out to Law Enforcement, first responders and interested Community members. Mr. Rynders requested support to train and equip staff with the nasal spray doses to take into the field for protection for themselves and citizens. A motion was made by Ms. Rosenow and seconded by Ms. Smith to provide DHHS staff with Narcan training and use of the antidote. Motion approved.

7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – TRAUMA INFORMED TRAINING AND FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES

Mr. Rynders reported on the TIC (Trauma Informed Care) training presented by Scott Wells from the Department of Health Services. TIC is the act of recognizing, as we interact with people, what is going on with them and know how to respond. Our agency is interested in using the information to get better at how we treat each other and how we interact with clients. A leadership group has been formed from among staff to assess what's going on in our agency and determine what can be implemented to become more trauma informed in our daily interaction with our co-workers and clients.

Transparency is valued within our agency as it creates a sense of knowing what's going on and supports building trust which is part of TIC.

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES GOALS FOR 2019-2024

An assignment was given to DHHS by Administration to come up with goals for the agency. The objective was to present the goals to the Home Committee at the February meeting, but due to the cancelling of the February meeting because of weather and lack of quorum, the goals were submitted to Ms. Hansen to meet the deadline. The goals were presented by Mr. Rynders with review and discussion by the Committee; no additions or changes were made to the goal list.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - 2016-2018 NUTRITION ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW

Mr. LaValla shared a letter from GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) regarding the on-site review of the Buffalo County Elderly Nutrition program. The following is a list of the areas included in the assessment which met all expectations:

- *Administrative Function
- *Income Sources
- *Congregate Nutrition Program
- *Home Delivered Meal Programming

- *Nutrition Program Staff & Volunteer Training
- *Meals and Other Nutrition Services

Mr. LaValla complimented Ms. Smith and her Winona State nursing students who have been an integral part of the home delivered meal assessments, mental health (depression & memory) screenings in the home, living well presentations at the meal sites and one on one counseling sessions.

The Buffalo County Aging Unit Self-Assessment for 2018 was presented by Mr. LaValla. The goals were identified and Mr. LaValla shared that all the goals were met. The assessment will be presented at the April 2, 2019 meeting for approval.

Mr. LaValla also stressed the importance of getting input from the senior community members when setting goals.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – BI-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PLANNING

The ADRC Integration Communication plan report was shared by Mr. Rynders which includes the integration of the Buffalo County transportation program with Pepin County. The program has seen an uptick in rides scheduled since January 1, 2019. Proposed program rates were presented for rides for social appointments in addition to the existing medical appointments.

Mr. Rynders also shared the idea of having vehicles parked in strategic locations throughout the County for volunteer driver use to reduce the cost of unloaded miles.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHILD WELFARE FUNDING MEETING WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

A meeting was held on February 15, 2019 with local legislators, Senator Jeff Smith and Representative Treig Pronschnske in attendance to discuss the \$30 million funding increase for the biennium to stabilize Wisconsin's CPS (Child Protective Services) system. Buffalo and Pepin Counties passed resolutions requesting the increased funding to the counties to cover out-of-home care expenses and hire additional staff; Mr. Rynders shared that Buffalo County has already added staff using County dollars and would like to be reimbursed with State dollars. Support from the legislators has been requested to make an amendment to the budget bill. Representative Warren Petryk was not able to attend.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RECOVERY AND WELLNESS CONSORTIUM SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Rynders summarized the RWC (Recovery and Wellness Consortium) recommendations for the 9 County Consortium's infrastructure. Due to growing mental health and AODA consumer needs, additional lead county staff is necessary to process bills, provide record audits and clinical supervision. The infrastructure changes will be funded by the increased revenue generated from the volume of activity.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2018 budget through December was presented by Mr. Rynders showing the expenses at 99% used and turning out as planned within \$38,000 of the \$3.6 million budget. The 2019 financial update was also presented by Mr. Rynders and reviewed.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

The December 2018 and January 2019 vouchers were reviewed; Mr. Mueller made a motion and Ms. Smith seconded the motion to accept the vouchers. Motion approved.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

Mr. LaValla presented the Aging report sharing that the numbers remain similar to what they have been in past years for meals served and donations received. Weather has played a major part in meal count numbers dropping in February.

Adult protection activity has been steady. There has been a spike in guardianships and an increase in the level of activity due to the Pepin Manor closing. The ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) did a lot of hands-on work helping families with the transition.

The other unit reports were reviewed.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR – HUMAN SERVICES DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Mr. Rynders and Ms. Winters will be attending the Day at the Capitol on April 2, 2019 to talk to local legislators on the child welfare funding issue.

A letter from the State of Wisconsin regarding the WHEAP review was presented by Mr. Rynders. The DEHCR (Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources) has concluded the FFY 2019 review and requires no additional response from Buffalo County.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS

None

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Hildebrand