

## Buffalo County Minutes

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

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019

**Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date:**

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

Meeting was called to order by Mr. John Kriesel at 6:00 PM.

### **1. ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING**

Felicia Hager, Stephen LaValla, April Loeffler, Shawn Squires, Thomas Schrauth, Mary Hildebrand

**2. Public Hearing on 2020 DHHS Budget, Specialized Transportation under 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes and an Ordinance of Buffalo County Rules and Permit Requirements Relating to Environmental Health and Sanitation – to run concurrently with other meeting agenda items**

### **3. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Rosenow to approve the June 4, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – VETERANS SERVICES MONTHLY VOUCHERS**

The monthly vouchers were presented by Ms. Hager. A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Facts were shared on the VA Mission Act 2019/VCC (Veteran Community Care) which allows Veterans the opportunity to use their local clinics instead of the VA facilities for medical appointments. Ms. Hager reported the Veterans office will have a booth with DHHS at the Buffalo County fair which will be held August 1st through the 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Hager shared the Veteran's office receives \$50 compensation from the State to cover the cost of shells when participating in an Honor Guard.

The following stats were shared for the month of June:

\*Walk Ins/POC: 51 (Point of Contact)

\*Phone Calls IC: 275

\*Claims: 10 submitted/12 in process

\*Home Visits: 3

\*Transportation: 9

\*Homeless Veteran Placement: 1

## **6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT REPORT**

The monthly investigation/case reports were reviewed. Ms. Loeffler shared that the Public Health department participated in the Dairy Breakfast and provided information about WIC, water testing, and responding to an emergency until help arrives. Staff participated in a preparedness exercise to practice using the Incident Command System (ICS) forms as an incident management team; they also collaborated with partners throughout the region to practice responding to a regional illness outbreak. Ms. Loeffler shared a map compiled by Intern, Thomas Schrauth of the townships in Buffalo County showing the nitrate level averages. Extensive discussion was held on how these results can be used. Ms. Loeffler will be meeting with land conservation to discuss how to move forward with the results.

## **7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PROPOSED CHANGES OF ORDINANCE OF BUFFALO COUNTY RULES AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Loeffler presented a summary of changes to the ordinance due to DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection) becoming the oversight agency for the Agent of the State program. A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Schreiner to approve the proposed changes of ordinance of Buffalo County rules and permit requirements relating to environmental health and sanitation. Motion carried.

## **8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – 2020 DHHS BUDGET**

Mr. Squires presented the 2020 DHHS budget explaining it is broken into two different sections; the Agent of the State and DHHS. The Agent of the State program is a stand-alone program partnering with the State to do all the inspections involving restaurants, lodging facilities, campgrounds, swimming pools, temporary food vendors, etc. This program uses no tax levy and is based on fees that are charged. The DHHS budget was also presented and reviewed in detail. After extensive discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Schreiner and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the 2020 DHHS budget as presented. Motion carried.

## **9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PLACEMENT FEE SCHEDULE ADRC**

Mr. LaValla reported back after Corp Counsel and Judge Clark reviewed the Guardianship and Protective placement fee schedule which puts a policy in place to bill individuals that are provided guardianships and protective placements who have the ability to pay. Mr. Schreiner made a motion and Mr. Mueller seconded it to approve the Guardianship and Protective Placement Fee Schedule ADRC. Motion approved.

## **10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – INTEGRATION PLANNING**

Mr. Rynders presented the integration business plan which will provide streamlined access to services; Aging Services becomes part of the ADRC along with transportation services and nutrition services. Buffalo County will remain the lead for 2019-2020 with Pepin County becoming the lead in 2021.

Mr. Rynders presented a proposed organization chart which shows several position changes:

\*ADRC Manager (Mr. Hoch retiring summer of 2020)

\*Adult Protective Service Manager – Mr. LaValla

\*Nutrition Program Manager (new position)

\*Community Services Specialist/CSS (new position; dementia friendly communities, caregiver services, prevention program services)

APS (Adult Protection Services) will not be a part of the integrated ADRC but will provide back up for the ADRC Manager position

**11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR EVERS AND THE WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER FROM FEDERAL RULES EXCLUDING INSTITUTIONAL STAYS FROM MEDICAID COVERAGE**

Mr. Rynders requested action for this resolution to apply for a Waiver from federal rules excluding institutional stays from Medicaid coverage; patients age 22-64 years of age are excluded from Medicaid coverage in an Institute for Medical Disease (IMD). The resolution requests federal reimbursement for the cost of treatment in an IMD.

Ms. Smith made a motion and Ms. Rosenow seconded the motion to approve a resolution requesting Governor Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature to apply for a waiver from federal rules excluding institutional stays from Medicaid coverage. Motion approved.

**12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The Agent of the State and DHHS financial updates through May 2019 were presented by Mr. Rynders.

**13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS**

Mr. Rynders presented the DHHS monthly vouchers. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Motion approved.

**14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS**

Mr. La Valla presented the Aging report sharing that he has a lead on a volunteer driver to deliver meals in the Nelson area. Also, Adult Protection activity remains steady with a high case volume for guardianships. The Child Support and Social Services reports were reviewed.

**17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR**

Mr. Rynders shared an opportunity involving the Buffalo County jail. The State of Wisconsin is offering four grants to help people with psychosis. Mr. Rynders is participating in the writing of the grant which is a 5 year grant involving a 5 person team to help with early intervention.

**18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mr. Kriesel reported that Inclusion, long term support for the Elderly and handicapped is now in 69 counties throughout the State of Wisconsin.

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

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

**20. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Schreiner and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hildebrand