

Buffalo County Minutes

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date:

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

1. ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll call was taken. Members present were Dennis Bork, Joette Gillett, Larry Grisen, Wendy Kleinschmidt, Mary Anne McMillan-Urell, Richard Mueller, and Steve Nelson. Brad Schmidtknecht and Linda Smith attended via TEAMS.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Dave Rynders, Felicia Hager and Stephen LaValla were present. April Loeffler, Chelsey Herold and Peggy Zeman present via TEAMS.

Pepin County Committee members joined in person at 6:30 PM: John McDonough, Tessa King, Mike Wright, Paula Winter and Cammi Catt-Dewyre. Dorothy Peters and Joan Plumber present via TEAMS.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ANY MATTERS THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE COMMITTEE AT THIS MEETING

No public present.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Grisen and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the June 2, 2020 minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken of all members. Motion approved.

4. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Ms. McMillan-Urell reported the rules of government were changed as of April 1st, 2020 which state both the Chair and Vice Chair must be Supervisors so they can report to the full County Board what's going on at the committee level. Mr. Grisen nominated Mr. Nelson as Vice-Chair; no other nominations were received. Mr. Nelson agreed to the nomination. Ms. McMillan-Urell closed nominations. Mr. Grisen made a motion to elect Mr. Steve Nelson as Vice-Chair and Mr. Mueller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of all members with Ms. Smith abstaining. Motion approved.

5. VIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – VETERANS SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Hager reported the spring training scheduled to be held in July has been cancelled. The National accreditation is being offered online July 20th through July 23rd; Ms. Hager is requesting approval of the \$350 fee. Monthly stats were shared.

6. 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 Mr. Grisen to approve the vouchers. A roll call vote was taken of all members. Motion approved.

Mr. Mueller suggested Ms. Hager be paid mileage and overtime to attend the monthly Veterans organization meetings. Ms. McMillan-Urell suggested the membership fee be paid. Ms. Hager gave a short presentation on her service in the military.

7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT REPORT

Mr. Rynders presented the report in the absence of Ms. Loeffler and inquired if there are any questions regarding the report. An inquiry was made on what human health hazards are; Mr. Rynders gave a brief explanation.

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PLAN TO DESIGNATE AVAILABLE OLDER AMERICAN ACT FUNDS FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Mr. Rynders shared that the State agency that funds the nutrition program has given flexibility on how funds are used as well as the additional funds received to the program. A request was made by Mr. Rynders to transfer \$102,057, Non-Title IIIC-2 funding (Home Delivered Meals) to Title IIIC-2.

A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Gillett to approve the transfer of Older American Act funds for HDM. A roll call vote was taken. Motion approved.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Agent of the State and DHHS budget through May 2020 was reviewed.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Motion approved.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

The monthly unit reports were reviewed.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTATION – JOINED BY THE PEPIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ms. Cammi Catt-Dewyre, ADRC Manager of Pepin County shared an informative power point presentation on a wide range of programs and services provided to individuals by the bi-county ADRC. Ms. Dewyre explained the Governing Board is accountable for the oversight of the ADRC of Buffalo and Pepin Counties. The ADRC Board is made up of 8 members (4 from each county) with 2 of those members being County Board Supervisors. The other 6 members are citizen members that represent older persons, individuals with physical disabilities, and individuals with development/intellectual disabilities. The ADRC budget and Elderly Benefit Specialists budget through May 31, 2020 was presented by Ms. Peggy Zeman.

Ms. Dewyre also shared that Buffalo and Pepin Counties are moving in the direction of full integration of ADRC services. A regional Aging plan is being created which will provide an opportunity to set local goals based on the current and future needs of older adults.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – ADULT PROTECTION PRESENTATION – JOINED BY THE PEPIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Stephen LaValla, APS Supervisor and Ms. Chelsey Herold, APS Social Worker presented a detailed and informative presentation on Adult Protective Services (APS). Responsibilities of the APS involve receiving, processing, and responding to referrals for adults in both Buffalo and Pepin counties. Mr. LaValla reported on the number of APS reports that are handled monthly in Buffalo and Pepin counties; when combining both counties numbers, the average number of reports ranges from 9 to 10. Mr. LaValla also explained current protective placements require WATTS reviews. Benefits to the bi-county collaboration are better service to client, no lapse in service, staff retention, and efficiencies in training, regional meetings, more effective due to familiarity and grouping WATTS reviews.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Rynders announced the next joint meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Durand; location TBD.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McMillan-Urell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Grisen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hildebrand". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Hildebrand