

Buffalo County Minutes

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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

1. ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Dave Rynders, Felicia Hager, Stephen LaValla, April Loeffler, Mary Hildebrand

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

A motion was made by Ms. Nettie Rosenow and seconded by Mr. Butch Schreiner to approve the July 2, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – VETERANS SERVICES 2020 BUDGET

The 2020 Veterans Service budget was presented by Ms. Hager noting a budget increase due to Ms. Hager taking the healthcare option. A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the Veterans Services 2020 budget as presented. Motion approved.

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

Ms. Hager reported on the Blue Waters legislation that passed in July which recognizes Navy Veterans exposed to Agent Orange asbestos are now approved to receive benefits. The American Legion Act passed in August which recognizes Vets who have served since 1941 can now join the American Legion.

The VSO office was represented at a booth at the Buffalo County fair. Ms. Hager reported the Honor Guard Fountain City is experiencing on an average 3-4 funerals per month.

Ms. Hager attended the TIC (Trauma Informed Care) training reporting it was very informative.

NWCVSOA (Northwestern County Veterans Service Organization Association – Pensions were discussed.

Ms. Hager presented the July/August stats.

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

The July/August monthly vouchers were presented by Ms. Hager. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Mueller to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Loeffler reported on a severe pulmonary disease among adolescents who reported vaping; 89% confirmed vaping THC products. Vaping is highly addictive and adolescents see it as safer and easy to cover up.

Ms. Loeffler also shared a link to the *Wake Up Call Room Online* which brings awareness to where kids hide drugs and alcohol. Here is a link to the news story: <https://wxow.com/news/top-stories/2019/08/19/wake-up-call-website-now-live/>

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST JOB DESCRIPTION

Mr. Rynders and Ms. Loeffler presented changes to the position description. This position is responsible for environmental health duties under the direction of the Health Officer which includes licensing, issuing permits, conducting complaint and foodborne outbreak investigations of restaurants, retail food establishments, hotels, tourist rooming houses, bed and breakfast establishments, campgrounds, recreational-educational camps, public swimming pools, and temporary food establishments. A motion was made by Mr. Schreiner and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the changes to the Environmental Health Specialist job description. Motion carried.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – TITLE X REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FUNDING

Ms. Loeffler shared information on the Title X Reproductive Health funding which has gone to Planned Parenthood and Essential Health clinics in the past. These entities will no longer receive the Title X funding. The funding provides prevention of STD and pregnancy prevention. A capacity assessment was completed estimating 300 (low income) women and men will be eligible for services. Entities that receive the Title X funding cannot counsel on abortion. Additional information will be shared by the State and will be presented at the next meeting.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Mr. Rynders presented a social media policy for approval. Ms. Loeffler shared that information has been put on social media without any policy guidelines in place. A policy would instruct Staff on how to operate on social media. After discussion on the archival information in the policy, a motion was made to approve the social media policy by Ms. Rosenow and seconded by Ms. Smith. Motion approved.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – TRANSPORTATION RATES

The 2019 ADRC Bi-County rate structure for the transportation program was presented by Mr. Rynders. Mr. LaValla explained, with the integration of the Buffalo/Pepin transportation program and the expansion of non-medical appointments to the program, we're seeking to use the same fee schedule for all participants including Veterans in order to streamline the process and create one standard fee schedule. The one exception to this policy is Veterans who receive travel pay at an amount higher than the billed amount from the program are requested to pay the

full travel pay amount for that transportation occurrence. The reason for this exception is due to the fact a participant's billed amount is not the actual cost of the program. Government funded travel pay is expected to cover as much of the transportation as possible. A letter has been composed to send out to Veterans explaining the new rates in both Buffalo and Pepin Counties. A motion was made by Mr. Schreiner to approve the new rate structure affecting all program participants, including Veterans, which was seconded by Ms. Gillett. Motion approved.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MULTI-SYSTEMIC RESPONSE - BUFFALO COUNTY FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY AND COGNITIVE BASED INTERVENTION FOR TRAUMA IN SCHOOLS BID SELECTION

Mr. Rynders reported Buffalo County DHHS has received a federal grant to provide services to children who are victims of drug crimes. Mentoring services are being provided and in-home family counseling, and school based resiliency skill building services were put out on bids and three proposals were received by Peace of Mind Counseling, LSS (Lutheran Social Services, and Catalyst for Change. Mr. Rynders shared a summarization of the bid selection from the steering committee which includes the three school districts, CJS, Public Health, Social Services, University Extension, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. After review, the steering committee recommended Peace of Mind Counseling located in Winona/La Crosse. Mr. Mueller made a motion to accept the recommendation of the steering committee to select Peace of Mind Counseling to provide the multi-systemic response program; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith. Motion approved.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION TO CHANGE A FULL-TIME LIMITED TERM CASE MANAGER POSITION TO A FULL-TIME PERMANENT STATUS SOCIAL WORKER/CASE MANAGER POSITION

A resolution to change a full-time limited term Case Manager position to a full-time permanent status Social Worker/Case Manager in 2020 was presented by Mr. Rynders. Mr. Rynders explained the surge in out of home placements and cases have not declined. A motion was made to approve the resolution to change the full-time limited term to a full-time permanent status Social Worker/Case Manager position by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt. Motion approved.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – REFILL CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGER/SOCIAL WORKER VACANCY

Mr. Rynders shared that Ms. Linsey Kaufman submitted her resignation and has accepted a manager position with Western Dairyland. A motion was made by Ms. Gillett to refill the Child Welfare Case Manager/Social Worker vacancy, which was seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt. Motion carried.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY COMMUNITY AIDS ALLOCATION INCREASE DISTRIBUTION PROPOSALS

Mr. Rynders presented a draft summary of the three Children and Family Aids CY2020 Allocation options provided by the Department of Children and Family stating this is for informational purposes only at this time.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE – ECONOMIC SUPPORT OVERTIME APPROVED

Mr. Rynders reported that overtime was approved for Economic Support workers due to increased errors in food stamp results; additional reviews across the state were needed to get a handle on the errors. The Directors of WREA approved overtime from funds in the budget available from vacant positions.

The report through July was presented, highlighting the training numbers that are high due to extensive training of our Family and Community Specialist.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

The July vouchers were presented for approval as well as the June vouchers. After review, a motion was made to approve the June and July vouchers by Mr. Schreiner and seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Motion approved.

18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

Mr. LaValla presented the Aging report sharing the adult protection activity remains steady with an unusually high case volume for guardianships over the past year. Mr. La Valla informed the committee that the request for bids for the Senior Dining program deadline is in September. The bids will go to the ADRC Aging Advisory committee for recommendation and then presented to the Home Committee in October for the final decision.

The Child Support and Social Services unit reports were reviewed.

19. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR – COORDINATED SPECIALTY CARE FOR FIRST EPISODE PSYCHOSIS

Mr. Rynders reported that the regional grant to serve young people who experience first episode psychosis was awarded. The Pierce County Board, whose Clinical Director wrote the grant, did not support taking on the responsibility of administering the grant. Dunn County, having a mental health clinic, made the decision to spearhead the \$1.5 million grant for specialty care for first episode psychosis.

20. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Mr. Kriesel reported on Inclusa, who serve elderly and handicap individuals, serve 69 counties, 19,000 clients, employ 1300, and have annual revenue of \$100 million is looking to expand into Dane County.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS

None

23. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schreiner and seconded by Ms. Gillett to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,