Buffalo County Minutes

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

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

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: Mr. John Kriesel, Mr. Elden Schlesser, Ms. Linda Smith, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan-Urell, Ms. Lou Anne Roby, Ms. Wendy Kleinschmidt.
Ms. Joette Gillett was not in attendance.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:

Mr. David Rynders, Ms. April Loeffler, Mr. James Goss, Ms. Danielle Schalinske

2. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Schlesser to approve the minutes and Ms. McMillan-Urell seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments.

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

Mr. Goss presented a handout showing the YTD totals. The IT department is putting together numbers for a new computer and operating system which will be paid for with grant money. Mr. Goss met with the Finance committee that approved the budget.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE UPDATES

Mr. Goss reviewed the 211 list and identified and contacted the Veteran's who were affected by the flood. The only grant available is for loss of income which none of the Veterans qualified.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

The Case Report numbers were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Kriesel inquired if many water test kits have been turned in from the flood victims. Ms. Loeffler explained that fee exempt kits provided by the state are sent in directly to the state for testing. A tally of the results is not available at this time.

7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – FLOOD UPDATE AND USE OF GENERAL RELIEF

Ms. Loeffler reported on the shelter aspect for the flood victims. The Sunrise Hotel in Mondovi was used for the six households that were displaced. Vouchers from the Salvation Army disaster relief fund covered the cost of the temporary housing for the victims. Mr. Rynders also reported that the General Relief fund, which is a revolving loan program, was used to assist with rent for a flood victim. With the help of Mr. Schiffli from Emergency Management and other County staff, a community development block grant is being applied for to provide household assistance for low income residents for damage assistance. A Public hearing will be held on September 22 at 6:00 PM to present the plan. Mr. Rynders reiterated the importance of getting this information out to the affected public; Ms. Roby offered to put information on a Mondovi news page to assist in this matter.

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - ADRC APPLICATION AND LETTER OF SUPPORT

A letter of support was presented by Mr. Rynders asking for committee action to approve the chair signing the letter as a requirement of the application for the ADRC funds for 2017. Ms. McMillan-Urell made a motion to sign the letter of support for the ADRC application and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
The September 1st deadline has been extended to October 1, 2016 to submit the ADRC grant application.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PEPIN AND BUFFALO COUNTIES ADRC PLANNING UPDATE

Mr. Rynders reported that we are waiting for final direction from the state regarding what changes need to be made to the ADRC area. The ADRC reserve funds will be used to make the necessary modifications to be state compliant. We have submitted a request to extend the December 31, 2016 deadline for using the reserve funds to April, 2017. An email response was received from the state considering the extension request.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – SOCIAL WORKER, ECONOMIC SUPPORT VACANCIES COVERAGE PLAN AND REFILL

Mr. Rynders reported on two resignations the DHHS has received. Social Worker, Amy Reggin has accepted a position with Eau Claire County and Economic Support Specialist, Krista Dewitt has accepted a position with United Health Group in Eau Claire. After discussion and a request for action from Mr. Rynders, a motion was made by Ms. Roby to refill the two existing positions, the Social Worker Child Protection and Economic Support Specialist vacancies; Ms. Kleinschmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CLOSED SESSION TO CONDUCT EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS – ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Kriesel called for a motion to enter into closed session to consider employment performance evaluation and discuss strategy with respect to litigation. Ms. McMillan-Urell made a motion to enter into closed session and Mr. Schlesser seconded the motion. Motion approved. No action was taken.
Roll call was taken. Members present: Mr. Kriesel, Mr. Schlesser, Ms. Smith,
Ms. McMillan-Urell, Ms. Roby, and Ms. Kleinschmidt. Ms. Gillett was not in attendance.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGIES LLC UPDATE (GIT)

An update was given by Mr. Rynders on the 2016 annual support fee of $10,000 that has been withheld from GIT due to a payment made for upgraded software that was not received. After consultation with Attorney Tom Clark; he advised that payment be made. Mr. Rynders paid the bill for services received from January 1st through May 13th. Future payments will be made monthly after the service has been received.
Ms. Roby made a request to be excused from the meeting due to weather conditions. Ms. Kleinschmidt also requested to leave. Mr. Kriesel acknowledged the request and informed everyone that a quorum exists.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION TO CREATE CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION ALLOCATION

Mr. Rynders explored the idea of creating a non-degree position in Child Welfare Case Management. After discussing the idea with various State officials, checking state statutes, reviewing other regional counties, and counsel with Tom Clark, the decision was made to withdraw the resolution at this time.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING IN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY AIDS ALLOCATION

The Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) has put forth a resolution to all counties to increase state funding for out of home placements. Mr. Rynders reported an increase in case activity and recommends approval to participate in the resolution.

Ms. McMillan-Urell made a motion to forward the resolution onto the County Board Chairperson for signature in support of increased funding in the Children and Family Aids Allocation; Mr. Schlesser seconded the motion. Motion approved.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CORE SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Rynders asked Buffalo County members to consider filling vacancies on the committee which supports efforts on providing core services for mental health and AODA.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A resource available from Chippewa Housing Authority is a regional rental assistance program for low income or disabled people at risk of becoming homeless. After discussion and explanation that monies would come from Chippewa Housing Authority, Mr. Rynders will proceed with this program.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

After review and discussion of some line items, a motion was made by
Ms. McMillan-Urell to accept the vouchers and seconded by Ms. Roby. Motion carried.

18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

Aging – There was discussion on the decline in overall meals served for the Senior Nutrition Program. Mr. Kriesel shared that the C-FC school is opening up their lunch program to seniors which would impact the meal sites. Mr. Schlesser requested an evaluation on the cost difference of transporting seniors to either the Nelson or Buffalo City meal sites verses the cost of running the Alma meal site. Mr. Rynders asked if it was the direction of the committee for him to study the Alma meal site closure options. Ms. Smith reminded the committee that a resolution has been made to align our meal site contract with Pepin County and any changes to meal sites should be reviewed at a later date.

The Social Services and Child Support reports were reviewed.

19. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR REPORT

No Director's report at this time.

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

Mr. Kriesel, a member of the Western Wisconsin Cares board reported working with Community Link, Inc an organization working to combine three MCO's into one public nonprofit corporation which will serve long term support needs to 51 counties statewide.

21. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Agenda Items:
Mr. Rynders reported that the $111,000 TAD grant has been awarded to us. There was discussion on the process of accepting the grant and how it will affect the budget.
Mr. Rynders will be putting together a resolution for creating the National Registry for opioid prescriptions.

22. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS
No public comments.

23. ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Mr. Schlesser to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. McMillan-Urell at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hildebrand

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Recording Secretary

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