

Buffalo County Minutes

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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 John Kriesel, Lou Anne Roby, Joette Gillett, Wendy Kleinschmidt, Mary Anne McMillan-Urell; Linda Smith and Elden Schlessler were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Dave Rynders, James Goss, April Loeffler, Karen Weiss, Mary Hildebrand

2. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Anne McMillan-Urell and seconded by Joette Gillett to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS

None

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

The monthly vouchers were presented by Mr. Goss. He reported the \$8500 grant was received. Also noting, the final expense for 2017 was paid which was an invoice for flags and markers. Mr. Goss also gave an update on Mr. Schlessler's health. Mr. Schlessler recommended a replacement for himself which Mr. Goss will contact. A Veterans Outreach will be hosted in the Buffalo County Veterans office on Wednesday, March 14th to assist Veterans in signing up for healthcare. Ms. McMillan-Urell made a motion and Ms. Roby seconded it to approve the Veterans monthly vouchers as presented. Motion approved.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

Ms. Loeffler reported the most recent respiratory report shows influenza has peaked. Also noting, the Nightingale Notes electronic health records program went live in March. Ms. McMillan-Urell inquired about the (3) Human Health Hazards reported in the case reports. Ms. Loeffler explained these referrals can be anyone calling in to make a complaint, typically a housing complaint, but not limited to.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – AIDS RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTATION – LIFEPOINT SATELLITE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Ms. Loeffler informed the committee of the rescheduling of the Lifepoint satellite exchange program presentation. The AIDS Resource Center of UW-EC will present at the April meeting.

7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – TELECOMMUTING POLICY

Mr. Rynders along with Ms. Loeffler presented the telecommuting (work from home) policy in more detail. An overview of the Policy & Procedures which lays out the parameters and process for supervisor approval were explained which include an Informal Agreement document as well as an Informal Telecommuting Request document which explains when and what work assignment the person will be doing. Mr. Rynders also shared supplemental information and examples of what the telecommuting would involve. The policy will be presented at the Human Resources committee for approval.

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – 2017 AGING UNIT ASSESSMENT

Mr. Rynders presented the 2017 Aging unit self-assessment goals in the absence of Mr. LaValla. The following goals were reviewed, discussed and completed:

- *Provide education on Elder Abuse
- *Provide transportation bi-monthly in Northern Buffalo County for grocery and personal shopping
- *Increase marketing for existing under-utilized programs for caregivers
- *Raise awareness of Dementia through a training session for local law enforcement and First Responders
- *Encourage healthy living by providing blood pressure screening and educational classes

Mr. Rynders informed the committee that the approved assessment report is due to the State agency by the end of March 2018.

A motion was made by Ms. McMillan-Urell and seconded by Ms. Roby to approve the 2017 Aging unit assessment. Motion carried.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – INTOXICATED DRIVER PROGRAM ASSESSOR CHANGE

Mr. Rynders reported Triniteam; our outpatient AODA provider for the intoxicated driver program assessments will be ending their service in Buffalo County at the end of March 2018. The idea was presented to have the Community Justice Service (CJS) program take over the assessments. Due to State requirements, significant training needs to be completed for CJS to take on the IDP assessments. In the interim, Mr. Rynders reached out to the IDP assessors in Trempealeau and Dunn Counties; both assessors would be interested in providing the service in Buffalo County. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. McMillan-Urell and seconded by Ms. Roby to use both IDP assessors from Trempealeau and Dunn Counties to provide our outpatient assessments. Motion carried.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Rynders presented an overview of the challenges, dilemmas, accomplishments and successes within DHHS. The major topics identified were meth/opioid addiction and the impact on children and caseloads, WIC contractual issues, summarize the aging report activity, redesigning of the Child Support program, fully staff Public Health, and the Foster Care Bill 776.

Mr. Rynders asked for input on any additional ideas to be included in the 2017 report. An electronic draft will be sent to Committee members for review before the report is due on April 1, 2018.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – BUFFALO-PEPIN CHILD SUPPORT PLANNING

Mr. Rynders provided an update on the current Bi-County Child Support model being used. Ms. Lisa Plunkett who has been working as the Buffalo/Pepin County contracted coordinator has accepted the Administrator position with St. Croix County Child Support. A work schedule proposal was presented by Mr. Rynders explaining a new plan to cover Child Support which would include Ms. Plunkett continuing as the contracted coordinator 5 hours/wk, Ms. Karen Weiss full-time Child Support Specialist, Ms. Mary Hildebrand Support Staff, 24 hr/wk, Mr. Chad Wolske from St. Croix County would handle the case enforcement, 10-15 hr/wk, and Ms. Kelly Swan of Washburn County would work the case management, 10 hr/wk. The proposal is cost effective as presented by Mr. Rynders. Ms. Roby made a motion to move forward with the proposed contracted Child Support plan and Ms. McMillan-Urell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – REVIEW OF CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION DESCRIPTION

Mr. Rynders reported this will not be needed.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHILD SUPPORT COORDINATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION PROPOSED REVISIONS

Mr. Rynders reported this will not be needed.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION - RESOLUTION TO CREATE A PART-TIME CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST POSITION

Mr. Rynders reported this will not be needed.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2017 financial update was presented by Mr. Rynders with discussion on the expenses exceeding the revenue year-to-date. The financial update for 2018 year-to-date was reviewed. Mr. Rynders shared a report from the WRRWC (Western Region Recovery & Wellness Consortium) discussing the CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) reimbursement challenge that Chippewa County has experienced and the solution presented for all counties involved in the consortium to provide funds to be used for said counties expenses. A motion was made by Ms. Roby and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to authorize payment of \$49,790 be made available to Chippewa County for working capital to provide Buffalo County's provider costs. Motion approved.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

The 2018 vouchers and the 2017 vouchers were reviewed and discussed. Ms. McMillan-Urell made a motion to accept the 2017 and 2018 monthly vouchers with a second by Ms. Gillett. Motion approved.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

The Social Services placement activity for CPS/JJ, AODA, and Emergency Detention/Diversions was reviewed and discussed. The CCS enrollment was also reviewed.

18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Rynders shared the ADRC Director's report and a personal update on Mr. Hoch's health. The coverage plan that is in place during Mr. Hoch's absence was presented. Also addressed was the ADRC Governing board opening due to an expired term. The Governing Board will be recruiting a new member to represent the elderly population. A County Board of Supervisors representative from each county will need to be reappointed at the April meeting.

Mr. Rynders informed the committee of the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Treatment/Detention centers operated by the State due to the abuse of residents. The plan is for the State to use \$25M to build two new facilities to replace them as well as expand the juvenile treatment center in Mendota by 29 beds and an additional \$40M made available to build Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) County operated evidence-based treatment facilities.

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

None

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

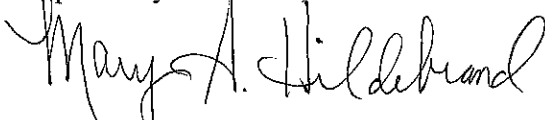
22. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS

None

23. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hildebrand
Recording Secretary