

Buffalo County Minutes

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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2018

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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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. John Kriesel at 6:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roll call was taken. Members present were Joette Gillett, Wendy Kleinschmidt, John Kriesel, Richard Mueller, Nettie Rosenow; excused absences were Linda Smith and Scott Smith.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Dave Rynders, April Loeffler, Stephen LaValla, Jim Goss

2. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Gillett to approve the June 5th minutes as presented and Ms. Rosenow seconded the motion. 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. A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Gillett to accept the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – REAPPOINTMENT TO VETERANS COMMISSION

Mr. Goss recommended the reappointment of Mr. Allen Carothers to the Veterans Commission whose term expires in September 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Mueller to reappoint Mr. Carothers to the Veterans Commission and Ms. Gillett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – HIRING PART-TIME STAFF FOR COUNTY YOUTH DAY AND CVSO VACATION COVERAGE

A request was made by Mr. Goss to hire Ms. Le Anne Loesel as part-time staff to coordinate the upcoming County Youth Day. A request was also made to approve Mr. Karl Zacharias to cover the Veterans office while Mr. Goss is on vacation. A report on the economic impact of the Veterans was presented by Mr. Goss. A motion was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by

Ms. Gillett to approve the hiring of Ms. Loesel for the County Youth/Government Day and to hire Mr. Zacharias to cover the Veterans office while Mr. Goss is on vacation. Motion approved.

7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

Ms. Loeffler reported on the Winona State Nursing student interns, Rachel Kloeckner and Ashley Evenson who have worked on interventions related to our Community Health Improvement Plan which included presenting to three senior meal sites the safe disposal of medications. Ms. Loeffler also reported on the completion of the food and retail inspections for the 2017-2018 licensing year. 200 licenses were issued, 183 facilities (including license exempt facilities such as schools and senior meal sites) and 17 temporary restaurants (events). Ms. Loeffler conveyed that carbon monoxide poisoning is going to be reported to the local Public Health departments to follow up with cases which will improve outreach and prevention efforts. Also, recent changes have designated latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) will be reportable which is not infectious but stays dormant in your system.

8. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DESIGNATION OF INTERIM HEALTH OFFICER

A recommendation was made to assign Mr. Rynders as the designated Interim Health Officer during Ms. Loeffler's leave of absence. A motion was made by Ms. Rosenow and seconded by Ms. Gillett to approve Mr. Rynders as the designated Interim Health Officer. Motion carried.

9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND 85.21 FUND PLAN TO PURCHASE ONE VEHICLE TO FOUR VEHICLES IN 2018

Mr. Rynders introduced a mid-year request to expand the 85.21 fund plan. Mr. LaValla explained the 85.21 program provides funding for our transportation program which includes VA medical transportation trips, and non-emergency medical appointment transportation. With the integration of the Buffalo/Pepin Aging and ADRC, the goal is to expand transportation services to include an on-demand taxi service which would provide additional services beyond the medical services, such as hair appointments, visits, etc. The 85.21 reserve is currently at \$150,000 which needs to be spent down before year-end and used for transportation equipment or vehicles. After a thorough review of the current fleet, Mr. LaValla proposed we purchase three new vans, one which would be wheelchair accessible to replace the 1995 and 2001 vans. Mr. Mueller made a motion and Ms. Kleinschmidt seconded it to authorize spending down the 85.21 dollars to purchase three new mini vans in 2018. Motion carried.

10. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE THREE VEHICLES WITH 85.21 GRANT FUNDS

Mr. Rynders distributed the resolution for signatures from Home Committee members to purchase three vehicles with 85.21 grant funds.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION TO RE-FILL VAN DRIVER POSITION

Mr. LaValla shared Ms. Stephanie Nelson resigned as van driver for the home delivered meals in Mondovi. A request was made by Mr. LaValla to re-fill the position and will explore the idea of re-filling the position with a volunteer driver instead of paid staff. A motion was made by

Ms. Gillett and seconded by Mr. Mueller to re-fill the Mondovi van driver position with either a volunteer driver or paid staff. Motion carried.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION TO RE-FILL ECONOMIC SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The Economic Support Specialist position as described by Mr. Rynders has been vacant for 4 months. Mr. Rynders explained this was one of six positions frozen by the eight county consortium. The consortium has just unfrozen our vacant position. Mr. Rynders has submitted a request to authorize re-filling the vacant Economic Support Specialist position with Administration. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to re-fill the Economic Support Specialist position which is currently frozen and Ms. Gillett seconded the motion. Motion approved.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – AUTHORIZATION TO RE-FILL SUPPORT STAFF SPECIALIST – SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. Rynders reported a new position was created for the Adult Protection Services (APS) Dementia Friendly Community work and that our Support Staff Specialist Intake Worker, Chelsey Herold posted internally for the position whose interest and academic concentration is in adult protection and working with the elderly disabled population. Mr. Rynders requested authorization to re-fill the vacant Social Services Support Staff Specialist position. A motion was made by Mr. Kriesel and seconded by Ms. Rosenow to re-fill the Support Staff Specialist – Social Services position. Motion approved.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE LIMITED TERM CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGER POSITION AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS

A request was presented by Mr. Rynders to extend the limited term Child Welfare Case Manager position an additional six months which will be through June 30, 2019. The LTE position became available when Ms. Maggie Halberslaben posted into the CPS position that became available. A motion was made to extend the LTE Child Welfare Case Manager position an additional six months by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt. Motion approved.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – FOSTER PARENT GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Rynders submitted an application for a Foster Parent grant. The grant would provide incentives for the retention of foster parents. The overall goal is to meet the needs of the six foster care providers in Buffalo County which include respite care, support groups, pantry for placement needs, gift cards, and foster parent appreciation events.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – ENHANCING COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS: SERVING OUR YOUNGEST CRIME VICTIMS GRANT APPLICATION

A federal grant application for enhancing community response to the opioid crisis: serving our youngest crime victims is being written by Mr. Rynders partnering with the School District representatives, UW Extension, Sheriff's Department, Public Health and CJS. The \$400,000 grant would primarily pay for mental health services, mentoring for children, and in-school cognitive behavioral therapy.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT OPTIONS

After the Child Support review, a recommendation was made by the State to accept cash payments. Mr. Rynders is working with Ms. Plunkett, Child Support Coordinator and the State to clarify the proper payment protocol regarding cash payments. Mr. Rynders presented information regarding the option of accepting credit cards and looking at the cost effectiveness of taking credit cards.

18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Rynders addressed the Purchased/Contracted Services on the financial report as well as the Salaries line item.

19. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS MONTHLY VOUCHERS

After review of the monthly vouchers; a motion was made by Mr. Kriesel and seconded by Ms. Kleinschmidt to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion approved.

20. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MONTHLY UNIT REPORTS

The monthly unit reports were reviewed with no discussion.

21. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – DHHS DIRECTOR

None

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

Mr. Kriesel reported working with Mr. Rynders on an issue with long-term support providing adequate services and appeal services for people whose care has been denied, changed, appealed or rejected.

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

The next Home Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

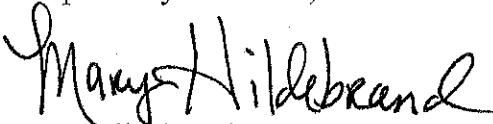
24. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING UNRELATED AGENDA ITEMS

None

25. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Kleinschmidt and seconded by Ms. Gillett to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hildebrand