

## MINUTES HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Thursday, February 22, 2024  
**TIME:** 5:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Edgewater Haven Nursing Home – Conference Room 110

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adam Fischer, Donna Rozar (WebEx), Tom Buttke, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Kristin Iniguez (WebEx), Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller (WebEx, arriving at 5:07 PM), Lori Nordman

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Rebecca Spiros

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list.

1. Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM
2. Chair Fischer declared a quorum present.
3. There were no public comments.
4. The consent agenda was presented for approval. Motion by Buttke/Thao to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Health Director Smith presented two requests for out of state travel. The first was for the Empowering Public Health through Law and Policy Conference in New Orleans LA, April 30 – May 2, 2024 with all expenses paid with grant funds. The second was for the Community Health Worker Sustainability Summit in Spokane WA, April 15-18, 2024 with all expenses paid with grant funds. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve both requests. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Smith and Public Health Manager Alft presented a request for incentive pay for the Health Dept. employee that was bilingual. Motion by Buttke/Rozar to approve the request. Motion by Buttke/Thao to amend the motion to refer this item to the Operations Committee to review. Motion to amend carried 7-1. Rozar voted no. The amended motion was called with it being approved unanimously.
7. Norwood Administrator Kornack reported on the Norwood water management status. There are required water tests conducted at the facility. Recent tests confirmed the very low presence of legionella bacteria. Filters were immediately installed to mitigate the issue, however this is only a temporary fix. The current thought is that because all of the galvanized pipe sizes were over engineered at time of construction, there is not enough water flow to keep clean water coming through. The piping in the facility has been on the radar and money has been in the CIP to fund this. They will be hiring an engineer & architect to come up with a plan to re-plumb the facility. VERY initial costs

are estimated at around \$1.5 million, but this just an estimate. Any plan would have to have the approval of the Dept. of Health Services. More information will follow.

8. Human Services Youth Justice Social Worker Taylor Brown provided a report and presentation on the Youth Justice Program in Wood County. He highlighted the statutory requirements, outcomes, and challenges faced in dealing with these children. He also shared a couple of scenarios where the programs offered through the county do make a large difference in the lives of these youth. Questions and answers followed.
9. Human Services Director Vruwink presented an out of state travel request for the Trust-Based Relational Intervention Training held in Orange County, CA May 20-24, 2024 with all expenses paid through scholarship and grant funding. Motion by Buttke/Hokamp to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Edgewater Haven Administrator Cieslewicz offered a tour of the facility. It was decided to do this after the meeting. (Rozar, Wheeler-Schueller, and Iniguez left the meeting at 5:57 PM)
11. Cieslewicz reported on the possible scope of financial modeling in turning portions of Edgewater into assisted living quarters. This could be provided by Wipfli at a cost of \$21,500, however in the meantime, Forward Analytics is doing a comprehensive statewide study on nursing home beds and the aging population in the next few months which would glean more information on the trends, statewide. It was decided to wait until after the 2023 books have closed in March to see where Edgewater ended financially before possibly requesting funds to complete the Wipfi study.
12. Veterans Service Officer Larson presented a budget amending resolution for the CVSO Grants budget. A typo was noted and will be corrected by the county clerk. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Legislative items were noted by Vruwink, Larson, and Cieslewicz provided legislative updates.
14. Future meetings:
  - a. Thursday, March 28, 2024, 5:00 PM, Norwood Health Center Classroom
15. Chairman Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

