

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: September 22, 2016

PLACE: Wood County Annex & Health Center, Classroom - Marshfield

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Tom Buttke, Jessica Vicente, Marion Hokamp, Lori Slattery-Smith, R.N., Dennis Polach, Bill Clendenning, Adam Fischer

EXCUSED: Jeffrey Koszczuk, D.O., Amy Slattery, Sue Kunferman

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Kathy Zellner (Edgewater Haven); Brandon Vruwink, Jordon Bruce, Jo Timmerman, Stephanie Gudmunsen, Sue Schueler-Sheveland (Human Services); Kathy Alft (Health Department); Rock Larson (Veteran Services); Warren Kraft (Human Resources); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair)

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Rozar.

2) Quorum

The Chair declared a quorum present.

3) Introduction of New Member

Adam Fischer was introduced; Adam has been appointed to the County Board and the Health & Human Services Committee replacing Peter Hendler.

4) Public Comments

- n/a

5) Human Services architectural design presentation by Dan Helwig

Dan Helwig and Chris Helwig, Architects with Design Unlimited, presented preliminary designs and cost estimates for construction of a Human Services building that would incorporate requirements and needs of offices currently utilized at Cornerstone and City Hall. Timelines for bidding and construction were addressed. All Committee members were asked to share their thoughts. There was Committee consensus to move this process forward to the Executive Committee and in the meantime, ask Brandon Vruwink to seek staff input regarding the details of the preliminary design.

6) Comments from the Chair

Chair Rozar shared a report on claims from Risk Management. The departments for which this Committee provides oversight are to be commended for helping to create a culture of safety.

7) Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Rozar called for nominations for vice-chair. Buttke nominated Fischer for vice-chair. Polach nominated Clendenning for vice-chair. Motion (Hokamp/Slattery-Smith) to close nominations and cast a ballot for vice-chair. By show of hands, Adam Fischer was elected Vice-Chair by vote of 5-3. Motion carried.

8) Consent Agenda

Motion (Buttke/Vicente) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

9) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

n/a

10) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services, Norwood Health Center

Financial statements were reviewed with specific questions answered by appropriate Department Heads. Additional information about the 2017 Edgewater Haven budget was shared. Jordon Bruce, currently serving as interim administrator of Edgewater Haven, was asked to analyze Edgewater's budget and provide input. Referencing the 2010 Strategic Plan and admission levels, Jordon identified some cost-savings potential and shared his ideas with the Committee. The Committee commended Jordon for his thorough review and expertise.

11) Resolution on Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Grants to counties for improvement of services

n/a (this was an August agenda item and inadvertently left on the September agenda)

12) Veterans Monument dedication ceremonies

Rock Larson described how the monument is funded and maintained, when dedication ceremonies are held, and shared concerns with contingency plans if bad weather occurs (auditorium sized room no longer available in the Courthouse). Wisconsin Rapids Community Theater will host a ceremony if inclement weather occurs during the day of the event.

13) Human Services resolution in support of increased State funding for Child Welfare Services

Brandon Vruwink provided an explanation in support of the resolution requesting an increase of funding for Child Welfare Services from the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Motion (Clendenning/Hokamp) to support the resolution as presented and forward to County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

14) Human Services update and historical overview of Airport Avenue CBRF

Stephanie Gudmunsen and Sue Schueler-Sheveland presented a brief history of the Airport Avenue AODA CBRF. Percentage of admissions which represented substance abuse comparing 2006, 2009, and 2015 were shared. Outcome data was also shared. Sue responded to many Committee member questions and concerns. Chair Rozar noted this is not a mandated service and initiated discussions on crisis services or alternative treatment facilities. Brandon Vruwink addressed the fiscal impacts with maintaining the CBRF operations. Motion (Clendenning/Rozar) to close the Airport Avenue CBRF. Vote by show of hands--five ayes, three nays (Slattery-Smith, Hokamp, and Vicente). Motion carried.

15) Human Services request for consideration of Deputy Director position

Brandon Vruwink provided justification for the need of a Deputy Director position. The position would be created with the use of an existing FTE without increasing the Department's budget. This item will be added to the October agenda.

16) Health Department report from Factory Farm Summit

Sue Kunferman, Nancy Eggleston, and Kallista Bley (Population Health Fellow) attended the Factory Farm Summit hosted by the Socially Responsible Agriculture Project in Green Bay. Notes from their experience at the Summit were shared in the Committee packet. Committee members were encouraged to contact Sue with questions or comments.

17) Upgrade regarding relocation of departments to the River Block Building

Planning for the move has been progressing well. Brandon Vruwink and Kathy Alft have been working with Reuben Van Tassel on cubicle setup.

18) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

19) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

20) Next Meeting(s)

- October 27, 2016; 5:00 pm; Edgewater Haven Conf Room 110/Admin Building - Port Edwards

21) Closed Session

Motion (Fischer/Clendenning) to convene into closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats. to consider performance evaluation data of an employee for whom the Committee exercises responsibility. Rozar: Aye, Fischer: Aye, Clendenning: Aye, Polach: Aye, Hokamp: Aye, Slattery-Smith: Aye, Buttke: Aye, Vicente: Aye. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 8:27 p.m.

22) Open Session

Motion (Clendenning/Buttke) to return to open session at 8:55 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

23) Adjourn

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and reviewed by Marion Hokamp, secretary.

Minutes subject to Committee approval

Marion Hokamp, Secretary
Health and Human Services Committee