

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: August 27, 2020

PLACE: River Block Building, Room 206 – Wisconsin Rapids (meeting also accessible via WebEx)

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, John Hokamp, Laura Valenstein, Kristen Iniguez, DO, Tom Butkke, Lee Thao; joining by WebEx are Heather Wellach, RN and Jessica Vicente

ABSENT: - - -

EXCUSED: - - -

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Marissa Laher, Mary Solheim, Jo Timmerman, Mary Schlagenhaf, Jordon Bruce, Jennifer Plisch (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Lisa Keller (IT); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair); Joe Zurfluh, Ken Curry, Ed Wagner, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam (County Board Supervisors); Craig Lambert (District Attorney); Peter Kastenholz (Corporate Counsel); Al Thurber, Ed Newton (Finance) *(Some of these attendees were in the room and others joined by WebEx.)*

1) Call to Order

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

2) Quorum

Rozar declared a quorum.

3) Public Comments

- n/a

4) Members of Judicial & Legislative Committee invited to participate in Human Services Discussion of Legal Representation in Chapter 48 Matters (Children in Need of Protection or Services, Minor Guardianships, and Termination of Parental Rights).

Lance Pliml shared his insight after meeting with various departments that will be impacted by any option selected. All information learned during those meetings were shared with Health & Human Services Chair and Judicial & Legislative Chair. Motion (Buttke/Fischer) to form an ad hoc committee to mediate discussions and further study best options for Chapter 48 Matters. That motion was tabled to allow discussions. Craig Lambert described he has the capacity within the District Attorney's office to resolve the concerns without added expense to hire a specific attorney. Mary Solheim responded that Human Services doesn't believe Chapter 48 Matters are being represented well within Wood County. Lance Pliml questioned if there is a lack of understanding or communication, and asks what specific outcomes do we expect to do better? Supervisor Wagner shared he feels there may be a misunderstanding of expectations between departments and proposes Human Services and the District Attorney meet to clearly define the issues. Brandon Vruwink shared his concerns and perspective with potential process improvements. He also clarified that Human Services never recommended Wood County hire additional staff; that was one of a few options presented to the committee. Motion (Valenstein/Thao) to pull the motion off the table. All ayes. Motion carried. Vote called for motion to form an ad hoc committee. 3 aye (Bukke, Fischer, Iniguez) 5 opposed (Hokamp, Thao, Valenstein, Rozar, Wellach). Motion fails. Chair Rozar asked representatives from the District Attorney and Human Services meet with the County Board Chair and provide an update next month.

5) Presentation by ADRC

Presentation moved to September meeting.

6) Consent Agenda

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

7) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

- Page 4 – Sue Kunferman provided additional explanation of school planning activities and described how complaints regarding the mask emergency order are being handled.

Motion (Valenstein/Hokamp) to approve items pulled from the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

- 8) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services Community, Norwood Health Center**
Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements. Brandon Vruwink announced Norwood Health Center will be receiving some additional funds which can be used at Wood County discretion; this will be an agenda item for discussion next month.
- 9) Health Department COVID-19 update**
Sue Kunferman described gating metrics are looking better. Sue explained implementation of a pilot program with the Wisconsin Rapids School District for specimen collections. The Health Department will also establish a strike team to respond to high risk testing needs within the community. Sue responded to questions regarding parameters of if/when children will be sent home from school.
- 10) Human Services resolution for creation of one (.97) FTE Jail Discharge Planner/Case Manager position**
Brandon Vruwink described his intent to create a Jail Discharge Planner/Case Manager position, how the position will be funded, the evidence-based program planning, and overall goal of the position. Motion (Hokamp/Thao) to support the resolution as presented and forward to the Public Safety Committee for co-sponsorship and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 11) Discuss remaining funds from Crossroads Renovation**
Jordon Bruce explained the CIP project approved previously must use unspent funds within same project areas. At the direction of Finance, Jordon is requesting approval to spend remaining funds on furniture in the Crossroads unit. Motion (Thao/Valenstein) to allow remaining funds to be spent as he requested not to exceed the original amount as bonded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 12) Budget presentation by Health Department (action required)**
Sue Kunferman and Kathy Alft presented the 2021 Health Department budget and responded to questions and concerns of Committee members. Motion (Buttke/Valenstein) to approve the Health Department budget as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 13) Budget presentation by Veterans Service (action required)**
Rock Larson presented the 2021 Veteran Services budget and responded to questions and concerns of Committee members. Motion (Fischer/Thao) to approve the Veteran Services budget as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. All ayes. Motion carried
- 14) Legislative Issue Updates**
Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.
- 15) Items for Future Agenda**
The Chair noted items for future agendas.
- 16) Next Meeting(s)**
- September 1, 2020, 5:00 pm, (this meeting is only for purposes of budget presentation by Human Services), River Block Building, 111 W Jackson Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium (meeting will also be accessible via WebEx)
 - September 24, 2020, 5:00 pm, 111 W Jackson Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium (meeting will also be accessible via WebEx)
- 17) Adjourn**
Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.