

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: January 20, 2022

PLACE: River Block Building, Room 206

TIME: 5:00 pm

PRESENT (in-person): Donna Rozar, Lee Thao, John Hokamp, Tom Buttke; **(via WebEx):** Adam Fischer, Laura Valenstein, Kristen Iniguez DO, Rebecca Spiros

EXCUSED: Lori Nordman

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Mary Solheim, Marissa Kornack, Kyle Theiler (Human Services); Kim McGrath (Human Resources); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair); Trent Miner (County Clerk); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Ed Newton (Finance); [*Some attendees were in the room and others joined by WebEx*]

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by the Chair, who welcomed Rebecca Spiros as the new RN representative to the committee.

2) Quorum

Rozar declared a quorum.

3) Public Comments

- n/a

4) Implementation of COVID vaccine mandate policy – McGrath presented the latest version of the policy which takes into consideration the latest requirements and mandates of CMS. Extensive discussion followed. Motion (Thao/Valenstein) to adopt the policy as presented. Motion carried. Voting no was Fischer.

5) Discussion of process/criteria for reviewing accommodation requests – McGrath presented the two exemption forms to the committee for their review. She stated there are currently 19 county employees requesting exemption from the mandatory vaccine requirement. Kornack & Theiler explained the CMS vaccine mandate grid that requires a certain percentage of employees be vaccinated before fines/penalties would be incurred. There is much that is unknown at this point, however. After extensive discussion, the consensus of the committee was that if the exemptions were granted to the employees, the mandatory twice per week testing that would be required to occur be a shared cost, with up to 50% being paid for by the employee.

6) Next Meeting

- January 27, 2022, 5:00 pm, River Block Building, Room 206 – Wisconsin Rapids with WebEx option

7) Adjourn

Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and subject to Committee approval.