

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: October 28, 2013

PLACE: Norwood Health Center, Classroom - Marshfield

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Peter Hendler, Marion Hokamp, Bonnie Jaecks, Lori Slattery-Smith, R.N., Tom Buttke, Mike Feirer

EXCUSED: Jeffrey Koszczuk, D.O., Doug Machon

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Roetter, Rhonda Kozik, Lee Ackerman (Human Services); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Amy Slattery (Edgewater Haven), Rock Larson (Veterans Service), Char Smith; Amanda Ostrowski and Chris Dobbe (Marathon County Health Department)

1) Call to Order

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

2) Quorum

A quorum was declared.

3) Public Comments

- Char Smith presented comments (both written and verbal) to the Committee regarding a standardized, organized, systemized way of measuring accountability and productivity of Human Services employees.
- Kathy Roetter commended Wood County Economic Support Staff who were recognized with 100% payment accuracy and program integrity. Only three agencies in Wisconsin have been recognized at this level.

4) Correspondence

- Health & Human Services Committee Report of Injuries, Property Losses, and Liability Claims for October 2013 – the report is on file in Risk Manager's office
- VA Medical Center (Tomah) client comment card commends "Joyce at Veterans Service, Wood County – for going above and beyond in everything she does"

5) Consent Agenda

Motion (Buttke/Feirer) to approve the consent agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

n/a

**7) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services, Norwood Health Center
Quarterly Reports – Veterans Service, Health Department**

Financial statements and quarterly reports were reviewed with specific questions answered by appropriate department heads.

8) Update on Human Resources Outreach to Veterans

Human Resources reported the job application form has been revised to better identify Veterans. Rock will periodically request statistics from Human Resources regarding veteran applicants and include those numbers in his monthly narrative.

9) Update on Edgewater Haven renovation project

Amy Slattery reported the front portion of Edgewater Haven has been razed and the cornerstone was found. Amy will contact a monument company to gather ideas on how to restore and/or display it. Footings were poured today for the new entrance. Amy explained a beam structural issue between the buildings which the architect will follow-up on.

10) Northwoods Shared Services project update

Sue Kunferman introduced Chris Dobbe and Amanda Ostrowski of the Marathon County Health Department. Chris provided an update of the Northwoods Shared Services project, a 2-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to assist public health officials, policymakers, and other stakeholders explore how cross-jurisdictional sharing might better equip agencies to fulfill their mission of protecting and promoting the health of the communities they serve. Levels of shared services were described, examples of existing cross-

jurisdictional services were shared, and reasons to enter into agreements were explained. Amanda recorded input from Committee members on why agreements are important to them, what they might look for in an agreement, how they see shared services improving what the health department does, what level of involvement they want in shared services, and what additional information is needed.

11) Resolution to approve Health Department lease agreement with Riverview Hospital Association

Chair Rozar and Sue Kunferman explained the purpose for bringing a resolution to the Committee. A list of pros and cons of the Health Department's collocation with Riverview Hospital Association was shared. The lease agreement was reviewed. Sue responded to Committee member questions and concerns. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to approve the resolution as presented and forward to County Board for approval. A copy of the lease will also accompany the resolution in the county board member's packets. All Ayes. Motion carried.

12) Edgewater Haven natural gas savings

Amy Slattery explained how a business can contract with any gas company for services and presented cost savings if natural gas were received from Constellation or Integrys vs. WE Energies. There was committee consensus to gather additional information to consider a supplier change.

13) Cost analysis of appliance conversion to natural gas at Norwood Health Center

Rhonda Kozik and Lee Ackerman presented an electric to gas conversion proposal (in follow-up to questions asked during a previous committee meeting). Motion (Feirer/Slattery-Smith) to support the concept of installing gas lines and purchase natural gas appliances. Lee explained there may be additional costs incurred for installation of gas lines which are not included in next year's capital outlay request. All Ayes. Motion carried. Lee was directed to look at budgets and return to the Committee with suggestions on how costs can be covered.

14) Action items on Speaker's Mental Health Task Force

Kathy Roetter provided a revised version of the Speaker's Mental Health Task Force report recommendations. The revised report included Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin County Human Services Association's recommendations for support or opposition. There was committee consensus to set up meetings with area legislators when they are in district to express support or opposition of any issues. Kathy will schedule those meetings along with Chair Rozar.

15) 85.21 Transportation Public Hearing on December 11, 2013

Kathy Roetter explained the purpose for the public hearing; noting it has been scheduled for December 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Brehm Conference Room, Centralia Center. The chair will make some introductory remarks since the Transportation program is back in Wood County.

16) Fall WCHSA Conference December 5-6, 2013

An agenda of the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) Fall Conference was shared. Motion (Jaecks/Slattery-Smith) to authorize attendance of Committee members to the conference. All Ayes. Motion carried. Individuals interested in attending should contact Kara Peterson before November 5th.

17) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided legislative updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

- Rock Larson was re-elected Chair of the Legislative Committee for the CVSO Association of Wisconsin.

18) Items for Future Agenda

Chair Rozar noted items for future agendas.

19) Date/Time of Next Meeting(s)

- December 9, 2013, 5pm, Human Services 12th Street, Oak Room – Wisconsin Rapids
NOTE: There will be no November committee meeting, and the December meeting has been moved to the 2nd Monday.

20) Adjourn

Chair Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and reviewed by Mike Feirer, secretary.

Minutes subject to committee approval.

Mike Feirer, secretary
Health and Human Services Committee