

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: August 26, 2013

PLACE: Norwood Health Center, Classroom - Marshfield

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Peter Hendler, Marion Hokamp, Bonnie Jaecks, Doug Machon, Tom Buttke, Lori Slattery-Smith, R.N., Mike Feirer, Jeffrey Koszczuk, D.O (joined during agenda item #8)

EXCUSED: - - -

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Roetter, Jo Timmerman, Liz Gisvold, Kristie Smith, Rhonda Kozik, Larry Shear, Ashley Volovsek, Doreen Lang (Human Services); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Amy Slattery (Edgewater Haven); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Wade Van Tassel (Earth Design), Marlene Broeske, Phyllis Werner

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

Marlene Broeske spoke on behalf of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). She was told by her NAMI President via an email stating Wood County was anticipating making cuts in the mental health services budget. Marlene shared her concerns regarding the reduction or elimination of those services.

4) Correspondence

- Response to the Public Comment budget questions from the 8-22-13 H & HS Committee meeting
- Insurance losses/claims for Health & Human Services Committee departments (copy on file with Risk Management)
- Health Officer comments from the Health Department Accreditation Celebration
- Health Department annual report (final)

5) Report from National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) annual conference

Donna Rozar shared her experience attending the NALBOH annual conference in Salt Lake City UT. Donna also described the six functions of public health governance which should be considered when making decisions about public health programs and services.

6) Consent Agenda

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

7) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

n/a

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

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

9) Update on Human Resources Outreach to Veterans

Rock Larson reported many supervisors have attended Veterans' Hiring presentation. Rock has been attending Veterans' Fairs and distributing outreach information.

10) Update on Edgewater Haven renovation project

Amy Slattery provided an updated Administration Building budget to committee members. Cost savings are estimates. The renovation project is projected to be \$127,817 over the original budget, but remains \$90,000 below the borrowing approved for the project. Motion (Feirer/Hokamp) to support the completion of Phase II at Edgewater Haven including the resurfacing of the parking lot. All ayes. Motion carried.

11) Pathways Presentation

Rhonda Kozik, Ashley Volovsek, and Jo Timmerman facilitated the annual presentation of the Pathways Unit. Committee members were informed about:

- the unit's purpose and mission, statistics, and eligibility requirements
- referrals vs. admissions
- average daily census
- discharge destinations
- YTD admission comparisons
- primary pay sources
- marketing efforts
- projected costs and revenues
- challenges with the Pathways Unit

The Committee further discussed the number of licensed beds and considered whether that number should be reduced. An update of unit costs and revenues as well as census numbers will be provided to the Committee in six months.

12) Wisconsin County Human Services Association proposal for legislation allowing counties to collaborate under the draft Umbrella Statute

Kathy Roetter shared a draft outline of the Umbrella Statute (dated May 2, 2013) and briefly described work which led to this document. Doug Machon noted there has been support expressed by the Wisconsin Counties Association Human Services Steering Committee. Motion (Machon/Koszczuk) to support the Umbrella Statute as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

13) Request the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to seek a demonstration pilot project that would allow counties access to the federal enhanced Medicaid Funds.

Kathy Roetter and Doreen Lang talked about what has been heard from other counties regarding the affordable health care act and access to the federal enhanced Medicaid Funds. Kathy explained how some counties are petitioning for a waiver which would allow the counties to pursue the funds. Kathy briefly described how the pilot program would be implemented. Motion (Machon/Koszczuk) directing Kathy Roetter to send a letter in support of a pilot program for access to federal enhanced Medicaid Funds. Eight ayes, One opposed (Rozar is in support of the State's decision). Motion carried.

14) Resolution to amend 2013 Health Department budget

Sue Kunferman explained reasons for variance of budgeted expenditures. Motion (Koszczuk/Hokamp) to support the resolution as presented and forward to the Executive Committee and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

15) Health Department out-of-state travel request to attend the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference in Boston, November 1-6, 2013 with all expenses paid with grant funds

Sue Kunferman shared conference details and learning objectives. Motion (Koszczuk/Slattery-Smith) to authorize attendance as presented to the APHA Conference in Boston with all expenses paid with grant funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

16) Budget presentation by Veterans Services (action required)

Rock Larson presented the 2014 Veterans Services budget and responded to questions and concerns of committee members. Rock explained the reasons he was not able to meet the parameters set by the Executive Committee. Motion (Feirer/Koszczuk) to approve the Veterans Services budget as presented to exceed the limit by \$12,125 and forward to Executive Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

17) Budget presentation by Health Department (action required)

Sue Kunferman and Kathy Alft presented the 2014 Health Department budget and responded to questions and concerns of committee members. The Health Department budget has met the parameters set by the Executive Committee of a zero tax levy increase. Motion (Hendler/Machon) to approve the Health Department budget as presented and forward to Executive Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

18) Edgewater Haven budget discussion (action required)

Amy Slattery provided additional information (in follow-up from the August 22nd HHSC meeting) for the 2014 Edgewater Haven budget and responded to questions and concerns of committee members. Motion (Hendler/Jaecks) to approve the Edgewater Haven budget as presented with an increase in tax levy and forward to Executive Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

19) Legislative Issue Updates

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

- Sue Kunferman shared the WPHA/WALHDAB Legislative Grid.

20) Items for Future Agenda

Chair Rozar noted items for future agendas.

21) Date/Time of Next Meeting(s)

- September 30, 2013; 5pm, Human Services, 12th Street – Wisconsin Rapids ... **NOTE date change to 5th Monday of the month**

22) Adjourn

Motion (Buttke/Slattery-Smith) to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Minutes subject to committee approval.

Mike Feirer, Secretary
Health and Human Services Committee