

AGENDA
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AD HOC COMMITTEE

DATE: June 26, 2018

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Health Department EOC Conference Room, River Block

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Public comments.
3. Approve minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Approve the 6 Recommendations to be given to the Health and Human Services Committee.
5. Sign a letter to be sent to John Spiros concerning a Crisis Stabilization Unit being established in Wood County.
6. Comments from the Chair.
7. Adjourn.

HHS Ad Hoc Committee on Out of Home Care Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 19, 2018

TIME: 12 pm

PLACE: Wood County River Block, Health Dept EOC

PRESENT: Adam Fischer, Al Breu, Dawn Schmutzer, Lori Slattery-Smith, Beth Ferdon, Jordon Bruce, Tim McNaughton

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Czys, Bill Clendenning, Jodi Liegl

Meeting called to order at 12:03 pm by Chairman Fischer.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: motion by Breu to approve minutes, second by Fischer. All ayes. Note: minutes for the Ad Hoc meetings will not be in the Supervisors dropbox, they will only be available on the County website.

Discussion of Recommendations: Review of previous minutes, data collection, and research. Supervisor Fischer and Brandon Vruwink met with Representative John Spiros with the State Assembly to discuss the option of a Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit in Wood County. Rep. Spiros agreed to support our efforts. Brandon has drafted a letter to Rep. Spiros about the children's crisis stabilization unit.

Motion: Fischer made a motion to approve the letter with edits. Slattery-Smith seconded. All ayes.

Recommendations to HHSC from Ad Hoc Committee include:

1. Implementation of a children's crisis stabilization unit in Wood County.
2. Implement a 23-hour observation area for children and youth.
3. Further explore the Health Departments evidence-based prenatal/post-partum family education visits.
4. Further explore a mentoring program for children and parent coaching/education program within Family Services.
5. Further explore the Alternative Response and how to implement it within Wood County.
6. Further explore how the Health Department and Human Services can collaborate and provide education to the community about/around mental health and AODA services.

Assign Tasks: Dawn to update a letter to Rep. Spiros. Dawn to complete a draft of minutes.

Next meeting: June 26, 2018 at 12 pm (noon), River Block, Health Dept EOC 3rd floor

Future Agenda Items: Sign letter and approve recommendations.

Adjourned: meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Recorder: Dawn Schmutzer

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| 1. Elisabeth Fudon | Family Services |
| 2. Jordan Bruce | Norwood |
| 3. Adam G. Fischer | WCB #5 |
| 4. Lori Slattery Smith | WCHS |
| 5.) Jodi Lee | Family Services |
| 6) William Clendenning | WCB #15 |
| 7. AL BREW | " #6 |
| 8. Tim McNaughton | WCHSD |
| 9. Dawn Schnitzer | WCHSD |
| 10. Katie Crys | WCHSD |
| 11. Brandon Vroman | WCHSD |

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Wood County Wisconsin

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

June 26, 2018

The Honorable John Spiros
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Spiros,

The Wood County Health and Human Services Ad Hoc Committee was formed in October 2017. The overall goal of the committee was to study options for children that were placed in out of home care. Over the past nine months, we have learned a great deal about the strengths and gaps within our support system. Please find below a list of our findings:

- The committee has researched many options to provide additional support to children in Wood County. Through this effort, it has become apparent that providing additional services to children that are in crisis would fill a great need in our county.
- Currently there is not a children's crisis stabilization facility in North Central Wisconsin, as a result, the treatment options are primarily limited to hospitalization.
- By providing children's crisis stabilization services we can reduce the number of children being hospitalized at Winnebago Mental Health Center. This will provide significant cost savings to the county but more importantly provide children with the level of care that they need. The cost of hospitalization can be five to six times greater than crisis stabilization services. The daily cost at Winnebago Mental Health Institute in 2017 was \$1320 per day. The anticipated cost of crisis stabilization would be \$250-\$300 per day.
- By creating a children's crisis stabilization facility in Wood County it will allow children to stay in our local community. In addition, this allows the local treatment team to work closely with the child and provide additional support during their stay.

We have a strong interest in developing a Children's Crisis Stabilization facility in Wood County and intend to pursue the grant funding that was included in the State's 2017-2019 biennial budget. We would greatly appreciate your support as we move forward in our effort to develop a Children's Crisis Stabilization facility in Wood County.

Sincerely,

Adam Fischer _____

Al Breu _____

Lori Slattery-Smith _____

Tom Buttke _____

Brandon Vruwink _____

Elisabeth Ferdon _____

Tim McNaughton _____

Wood County Health and Human Services Ad Hoc Committee