

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: July 28, 2022

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

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

ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting): Brandon Vruwink, Mary Solheim, Kyle Theiler, Mary Schlagenhaft, Steve Budnik (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Smith, Kathy Alft, Ashley Normington, Jacob Wagner, Kristie Egge (Health Department); Peter Kastenholz (Corporate Counsel); Bill Clendenning, Dennis Polach (County Board Supervisors); Eva Scheppa, Mary Jo Wheeler-Schuller

1) Call to Order

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

2) Quorum

Fischer declared a quorum.

3) Public Comments

- Wayne Sorenson spoke on behalf of the Ordinance regulating youth access to marijuana alternatives.

4) Regulating Youth Access to Marijuana Alternatives

Ashley Normington and Jacob Wagner presented information that led to development of the ordinance regulating youth access to marijuana alternatives. Motion (Buttke/Iniguez) to support the Ordinance as presented and forward to the Public Safety Committee for co-sponsorship and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

5) Interviews for vacant public member appointment

Eva Scheppa and Mary Jo Wheeler-Schuller were each provided an opportunity to answer committee questions; during this interview portion of the meeting each candidate was excused from the room.

6) Committee discussion and recommendation of public member appointment to HHSC

Committee members shared opinions of what both candidates might bring to the committee. Motion (Buttke/Rozar) to nominate both candidates and cast a vote for the citizen member appointment (Mary Jo Wheeler-Schuller received 6 votes, Eva Scheppa received 2 votes). Recommendation of Mary Jo Wheeler-Schuller will be sent to the County Board Chair.

7) Refugee Presentation by ECDC Multicultural Community Center - Wausau

Eric Yonke, Co-sponsorship Coordinator of the Multicultural Community Center, shared information and an overview of the need for refugee resettlement and support. Eric responded to committee member questions and concerns.

8) Request from Dr. Iniguez for HHSC to draft a Letter of Support for the Child Advocacy Center's Community Impact Grant

Dr. Iniguez introduced Rachel Stankowski and Tony Iniguez. Rachel and Tony described the proposed intervention to expand services to families affected by substance use disorder. The Marshfield Child Advocacy Center is submitting an application for funding through the Wisconsin Partnership Program Community Impact Grant Program to help support the work, and are requesting a letter of support from the Health & Human Services Committee to compliment the application. Motion (Buttke/Nordman) to provide the letter of support as requested. Iniguez abstained. All ayes. Motion carried. Chair Fischer will draft the letter.

9) Consent Agenda

Pages 4 and 11 pulled.

10) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

Brandon Vruwink and Sue Smith shared updates regarding access and security in their respective departments. Motion (Buttke/Hokamp) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried

11) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services Community, Norwood Health Center Quarterly Reports – Veterans Services, Health Department

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements and quarterly reports.

12) Human Services Update on the Family Keys Program

Brandon Vruwink provided an overview of the Family Keys Program.

13) Step Increases for Casual Staff

Kyle Theiler provided a background for the reason of his request. Casual staff do not get annual step increases. There was committee consensus to support a step increase for casual staff as part of department budget requests. A bigger conversation regarding wage placements and casual step increases for all county employees will be referred to the Operations Committee.

[Donna Rozar excused]

14) Overview of Veterans Disability Compensation Claims

Rock Larson described levels of disabilities and how Veterans Services assists veterans with applying for service-connected disability.

15) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

16) Future Agenda Items

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

17) Next Meeting(s)

- August 25, 2022, 5:00 pm, River Block Building, Room 206 – Wisconsin Rapids with WebEx option
- A meeting will be scheduled in August or September for Human Services budget presentation

18) Adjourn

Chair Fischer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.