

MINUTES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2016
CONFERENCE ROOMS A & B, 1ST FLOOR Normal Building

Chair Kay Pluemer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Dr. Peter Dahlie, Paula Kock, Kay Pluemer, Gerald Swenson, John Vlach, John Walasek, and Dennis Wartgow

Members excused: Marguerite Sue Bocock, and Bruce Jilka

Members absent: None

Others present: Marilyn Schreuder, Maggie Obadal, Michelle Edwards, Kathy Billek, Sarah Socha, and Nick Trimner

REVIEW ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – #9 – Take action, as needed, on closed session item

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE – None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 10/12/16 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING – **Motion (Swenson/Vlach) to approve 10/12/16 minutes for Health & Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried.**

3. PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

- a. Report on Hepatitis C – Michelle Edwards provided the update. The Hepatitis C Surveillance Summary Report was included in Board packets. A few of the highlighted areas included: the two age groups that tend to have peaks (15-29 year olds and 50-69 year olds); most users are non-Hispanic white males; not many middle-aged people come in for testing; some people who have Hepatitis are non-symptomatic; and, people born between 1945-1965 are encouraged to get tested regardless of their history of drug use due to limited or no testing available during that time. The state surveillance system reports to each county their residents who have tested positive for Hepatitis C. This is done via a secure website and is reported to the county of residency. Hepatitis C affects the liver. Some people infected with the Hepatitis C virus become chronic carriers which means they carry the virus and can pass the virus on to other people. They may or may not have symptoms. Currently, social workers are doing testing for some of our programs or because of drug use in some families we have contact with. We are considering changing to have the Public Health nurses do the testing for precautionary reasons and the nurse would have the opportunity to let the person know of services available. Contact has been made with the Wausau needle exchange program to come back into Price County again since we are seeing an increase in drug use by injection.
- b. Resolution to Secure State Funding to Support Communicable Disease Control for Population Health – Michelle Edwards provided the update. A sample resolution was included in Board packets. Michelle indicated that approximately 1 ½ years ago this Board passed a resolution similar to this but this newest resolution has been updated to cover new emerging diseases. Currently, there is no funding available to do follow-up for communicable disease. **Motion (Wartgow/Vlach) to approve resolution as presented and forward to County Board. Motion carried.**

4. DISABILITIES & PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION (DPS)

- a. Resolution authorizing Price County to participate in an Intergovernmental agreement pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 66.0301 for protectively placed residents – Kathy Billek, DPS Unit Manager, and Marilyn provided the information. People with a dementia diagnosis that are exhibiting behaviors that are dangerous to themselves or others cannot be placed in a mental health facility under Chapter 51. Clark County has a facility where people with a dementia diagnosis and demonstrating uncontrolled behaviors can be placed. The cost is \$235.00/day for private pay or without an intergovernmental agreement. The cost with an agreement drops to \$140.00/day. The cost for a member of the Commission would drop to \$70.00/day. There is an up-front payment of \$5,000.00 but with multiple placements at this facility that initial cost would be recouped rather quickly. Joining this Commission falls under a 66 agreement allowing counties to enter into these agreements but still needs to have County Board approval. Woodland Enhanced Health Services (WEHS) is the facility in Clark County that accepts people in this situation. Clark County bills Medical Assistance for part of the cost of care and we would pay the other part of the cost. **Motion (Vlach/Dahlie) to approve resolution as presented and forward to County Board.** It was noted that our population is aging and more dementia is being seen. The Commission meets in February, 2017 and will vote on our acceptance. Participation can be backdated three months. They ask that there be representation on the Commission and that it must be a County Board Supervisor. There are two meetings held in Clark County each year and the representative would receive mileage and per diem. Kay Pluemer volunteered to be the representative. **Motion carried.**

5. ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION

- a. 2017 Resolution to offer General Assistance Program – Marilyn Schreuder provided the information. A draft of the resolution was included in Board packets. Currently, we seek annual approval to offer a General Assistance Program. Over the past four or five years the average annual cost for this program has been \$1,000.00 for burials for individuals who have no other resources available. Discussion followed which included proposing language change to the resolution which would allow recurring approval instead of having to bring it to this Board each year and whether this service would continue to be funded in future budget cycles. **Motion (Wartgow/Swenson) to approve the resolution as presented and forward to County Board. Motion carried.**

6. FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

- a. Budget & Financial Reports – M. Obadal reviewed reports handed out at the meeting. They were reflective of payments made through September 30th or for most services provided through August, 2016. The reports furnished to the Board each month are summary reports. Some members are interested in seeing more detailed reports periodically throughout the year. A set of detailed reports will be presented at the December 7th meeting.
- b. High Cost Placement Reports – M. Obadal reviewed reports handed out at the meeting showing new placements that happened during September. Some questions were asked in regard to residency issues. Marilyn indicated that different programs may have different requirements. She will do some research and bring information to the December 7th meeting.
- c. 2017 Budget – It was mentioned that at the October County Board meeting \$165,000.00 was added to the Health & Human Services budget for high cost placement costs. It was also noted that in early 2017, all programs offered throughout the County will be looked at in terms of mandated, non-mandated and funding sources. Programs will also need to be prioritized and look to see if there would be unintended consequences to the County population if a service were to be eliminated.
- d. HHS Board member recommendation for terms expiring 12/31/16: Bocock, Dahlie, Jilka – The term for the three members listed here expires on December 31, 2016. **Motion (Vlach/Walasek) to recommend these individuals to County Administrator and to County Board to continue serving on the Health & Human Services Board. Motion carried.**

7. CHILDREN & YOUTH DIVISION

- a. Resolution Authorizing Placement at Northwest Juvenile Detention Center for Periods Not to Exceed 180 Days – Sarah Reese, Children & Youth (C&Y) Unit Manager joined the meeting. Approval of this resolution would allow placements up to 180 days for delinquent youth at an Eau Claire Juvenile Detention facility. It is a locked facility and considered a restrictive placement. Placement here is more cost effective than at Lincoln Hills and is a more positive placement. The cost is \$150.00 per day compared to \$350.00 to \$380.00 per day at Lincoln Hills. There have been positive outcomes for youth placed at this facility and placement here offers more options and opportunities to help the child. State statute requires County Board approval. **Motion (Walasek/Swenson) to approve resolution as presented and forward to County Board. Motion carried.**

#8 and #9 are postponed until the January 4, 2017 Health & Human Services Board meeting.

8. Announcement and motion to adjourn to closed session in accordance with the exemptions contained in Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par.(b) applies, which, if discussed in public, would likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involve in such problems or investigations for the purpose of:

- Case review of placements

9. Take action, as needed, on closed session item.

10. DIRECTOR REPORT – M. Schreuder provided the updates.

- a. Department updates & Director Report

i. Agency Updates

Marilyn, Janine Dobson, and Nick Trimner attended the Park Falls City Council meeting on October 24th. The Council is committed to providing \$10,000.00 toward the BART bus project but their budget process has not been completed yet but it looks promising that this item will stay in the budget.

The transitioning of Mental Health/AODA services from the Counseling & Development Center to New Horizon's North has started. Some clients have asked to transition now rather than wait until after the first of the year. Marilyn and Kathy will have another meeting with New Horizon's North staff on Friday, November 4th.

We have a vacancy in Public Health for a Health & Human Services Assistant. This position works mainly with the Family Planning Program. Nick has approved moving ahead with filling the vacancy.

No ad has been placed in the paper yet for Paula's position on the Health & Human Services Board. A new member cannot be approved until the February, 2017 County Board meeting so it was decided that Paula could still attend the December, 2016 meeting. She was asked to submit a formal letter of resignation to Marilyn. An ad will be placed in the paper with a deadline prior to the December Health & Human Services Board meeting so that applications can be reviewed at the

December meeting. A recommendation will be made to the County Administrator. Paula is the Price County representative on the Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency (NWCSA) Board with John Walasek as her back-up. John will plan to attend the December meeting and let this Board know if he is interested in completing her term on that Board. Paula will also submit a letter of resignation to the NWCSA Board.

11. SET DATE & TIME FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING – The next meeting of the Health & Human Services Board is set for Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Finance Sub-Committee will start at 8:45 a.m. and Health & Human Services Board at 9:00 a.m. Meetings will be held in Health & Human Services Conference Rooms A & B.

12. ADJOURN – **Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. by Chair Pluemer.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Maggie Obadal
Fiscal & Administrative Supervisor