

**Price County Health & Human Services Board  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Paula Houdek, Board Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Peter Dahlie, Paula Houdek, Ginny Strobl, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Ex Officio: Robert Kopisch. Excused: Suzanne Ocker. Absent: Sally Huml. Also present: Nick Trimner, Sarah Reese-Socha, Leanna Samardich, Keri Nelson, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Deb Kronberger-Oswald, Janine Dobson, Amy Miller (remotely).

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
  2. Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$410,887.22. Motion carried.
  3. Minutes from November 4, 2020 meeting: Motion Strobl/Swenson to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
  4. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
    - a. Coronavirus Update: Update on status of cases. Provided directions to get information from the state DHS website. Price County Public Health has been approved for giving vaccinations. Reviewed the phases of the vaccination process.
    - b. Quarterly Report: Reviewed.
  5. Aging & Disability Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald / Janine Dobson
    - a. Family Care Enrollment Update: Reviewed the long-term care program and options for services. Introduced the monthly newsletter – Beneficially Speaking.
    - b. Bart Bus Update: Reviewed operations activity. Routes are running and staffed. CARES Act funding is being used to cover rider fees. BART will be constructing a service garage in Park Falls.
  6. Behavioral Health Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed statistics.
  7. Children & Youth Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Targeted Safety Support Funds Grant Received: Provides funding to improve safety in homes.
    - b. Resolution – Support Legislation to Align Detention Hearing Deadlines in Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 48 and 938: Current State Statutes have varying detention deadlines. Motion Wartgow/Strobl to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
    - c. Quarterly Report: Reviewed placement statistics.
  8. Economic Support Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Wisconsin Heating and Energy Assistance Program Updates (Amy Miller): Reviewed how the program works and what services are offered.
  9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
    - a. High-Cost Placements Reports: Reviewed reports. Revamping some fiscal processes.
  10. UW-Extension Programming: Discussion on UW-Extension programs and how they are incorporated into other County or public entity programs and how their programs benefit other Price County departments and residents.
  11. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Agency Updates: Continue with COVID protocol.
    - b. Personnel Updates: Yvonne Herwig retired as Economic Support Specialist. Recruitment in process  
Cheyanne Loewe transferred from social worker in Children & Youth to Aging & Disability.  
Beverly Albrecht hired as social worker in Aging & Disability.  
Recruitment in process for social workers.
  12. Next meeting – February 3, 2021
  13. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk