

## Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2024

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, Committee Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker (remote), Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: Peter Dahlie. Also present: Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Deb Kronberger-Oswald

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Member Swenson asked for updates and tracking information on the ARPA funding approved for the ADA compliant playgrounds.
  2. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Wartgow/Kyle to approve the voucher in the amount of \$315,635.14. Motion carried.
  3. Minutes from November 8, 2023 meeting: Motion Kopisch/Swenson to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
  4. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Flu vaccine data. Mental Health/AODA Coalition and Northwood Tobacco Free Coalition are focusing on vaping by teens. Community Needs Surveys being compiled.
    - b. Public Health Infrastructure Grant: Awarded \$97,000 from a state grant. Discussion on where these funds have been used. Requesting an LTE Deputy Health Officer to train into the position when current Health Officer retires. Motion Swenson/Kopisch to approve using grant funds to establish an LTE Deputy Health Officer. Motion carried.
    - c. Wisconsin Public Health Web Training Opportunity: Information provided.
    - d. Wisconsin State Health Officer - 140 Review Letter – Level 2 Public Health Department: Audited every five years for program compliance. Will have information on levels of service at a future meeting.
  5. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald
    - a. Quarterly Report – Aging & Disability: Reviewed.
    - b. ADRC Additional Part-time Position – Providing more money for another part-time position will offer the opportunity to change the position from part-time to full-time. Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to approve the additional part-time position and forward to the Administration Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
    - c. Elder Abuse Protection Rating: Wisconsin has ranked first in the nation.
    - d. Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting – Patricia Stephan reported. The BART bus garage is proceeding in Park Falls.
    - e. Council on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting – Paula Houdek reported. Discussed increasing the number of congregate diners. Approved the suggested senior meals contribution of \$5.00 for congregate and \$5.50 for home delivered.
  6. Behavioral Health Division – Chana Rymarkiewicz
    - a. Quarterly Report – Reviewed. Crisis calls have increased. May lose the contracted Community Support Program provider in the future. Staffing shortages cause inability to review new cases and maintain existing cases in a timely manner.
  7. Children & Youth Division – Not available.
    - a. Quarterly Report
  8. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
    - a. High-Cost Placements Reports: Units struggle with finding available program services needed for clients.
  9. Director Report – Not available.
    - a. Agency Updates: N/A.
    - b. Personnel Updates: Intern starting in the ADRC. Recruiting for the ADRC Benefit Specialist, ADRC Specialist, Children & Youth Social Worker, Behavioral Health Social Worker, Family Skills Worker
  10. Next meeting – February 14
  11. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk