

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

Date: February 3, 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, Suzanne Ocker, Ginny Strobl, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Ex Officio: Robert Kopisch. Present remotely: Sally Huml. Also present: Nick Trimner, Sarah Reese-Socha, Leanna Samardich, Keri Nelson, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Janine Dobson, Chana Rymarkiewicz

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Vouchers: Krisan Bastil explained some of the report breakdowns. Motion Wartgow/Kopisch to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$272,159.35. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from January 6, 2021 meeting: Motion Swenson/Strobl to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
  - a. Coronavirus/Vaccine Update: Update on cases – 1,107 confirmed. Vaccination clinics have started. Price County is ordering 100 doses per week. Working with the supply that is allotted. Statewide average is 27% of what counties are ordering.
5. Aging & Disability Division:
  - a. Nutrition Sites Update - Janine Dobson. All five sites are operating by providing carry-out or home delivery.
  - b. Transportation Coordinating Committee Appointments:
    - i. Kathryn Stough – Hospital Representative – fill remainder of term to expire April 30, 2021
    - ii. Sarah Reese-Socha – Health & Human Services Director
    - iii. Dennis Wartgow – County Board Representative – extend term to April 30, 2022Motion Kopisch/Strobl to approve the appointments as listed. Motion carried.
6. Behavioral Health Division – Chana Rymarkiewicz
  - a. Mental Health Hospital Diversions Report: Information on the savings from diversion from potential hospitalization to other clinical assistance.
  - b. Mental Health Crisis Calls: 2020 crisis call center statistics reviewed.
7. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
  - a. High-Cost Placements Reports: Still processing 2020 activity.
8. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Agency Updates: Children and Youth Division presented to law enforcement regarding youth detention and drug endangerment program. Revising the 2020 Senior Resource Directory. Behavioral Health has been moved to the first floor. Schools are dealing with truancy issues.
  - b. Personnel Updates: Beverly Albrecht, Aging and Disability social worker started January 25<sup>th</sup>. Interview for Economic Support position scheduled. Children and Youth social worker – no applicants, yet.
9. Next meeting – March 3, 2021
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk