

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2023

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: Peter Dahlie, Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker, Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow, Lorelei Wakefield. Also present: Nick Trimner, Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Kris Mabie, Susie Daniels, Alan Barkstrom. Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Letter from citizen thanking Emily Berry, Elder Benefit Specialist. Nick gave update on the WCA County Ambassador Program (CAP) Team and their visit with state legislators.
 2. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Wartgow/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$136,323.04. Motion carried.
 3. Minutes from January 11, 2023 meeting: Motion Swenson/Wakefield to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 4. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Community Health Assessment and Community Improvement Plan (Michelle): County is required to do it every five years. Working with the hospital who is required to do theirs every three years. Reviewed the process and the plans.
 - b. Mental Health AODA Coalition (Susie, Chana): Availability of programming to help bring agencies together when dealing with community crises.
 - c. Health Equity Presentation – Part 3 (Susie): Viewed and discussed part three of three.
 5. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald / Kris Mabie
 - a. Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting Report (Kris): Met January 26th at the Phillips nutrition site. Reviewed bylaws. Updated marketing information for 2023. Several sites are working on planned activities which is improving attendance. Next meeting April 27th at the Park Falls site.
 - b. Wisconsin Towns Association – Price County Unit Meeting Report (Deb): Was a good opportunity to give the towns information about the activities and services provided.
 6. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Almost all 2022 expenses have been recorded. Year looks better than previous two years.
 7. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Agency Updates: Nothing more to report.
 - b. Personnel Updates
 - i. Request for Additional Social Worker in Behavioral Health Unit: Continued discussion of the need for additional staff due to excessive caseloads. Funding will be available to cover a portion of the costs.
Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the request for an additional Social Worker in the Behavioral Health Unit and forward to the Administration Committee and the Executive Committee for their consideration and to the County Board for final approval. Motion carried.
 - ii. Request for Additional part-time Adult Protective Service Social Worker Position in the Aging and Disability Unit: Continued discussion of the need of additional staff to cover the increasing caseload. Anticipated that costs will be covered by various outside funding sources.
Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the request for an additional part-time Adult Protective Service Social Worker in the Aging and Disability Unit and forward to the Administration Committee and the Executive Committee for their consideration and to the County Board for final approval. Motion carried.
 8. Next meeting – March 8, 2023
 9. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk