

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

Date: April 7, 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, Sally Huml, Suzanne Ocker, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Ex Officio: Robert Kopisch. Excused: Gerald Swenson. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Sarah Reese-Socha, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Janine Dobson, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Deb Kronberger-Oswald. Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
  2. Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Kopisch to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$286,067.79. Motion carried.
  3. Minutes from February 3, 2021 meeting: Motion Strobl/Ocker to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
  4. American Rescue Plan Act: Nick reviewed what is known at this time regarding the expected \$2.6 million that will be coming to Price County. Some will be designated to particular uses. Guidelines should be available in May and late summer with more specific guidelines.
  5. Governor's Biennial Budget: The State does not plan on using stimulus money to offset the budget. The legislature budget work is in process. Price County submitted their resolution for relief of the levy cap limit. There have been several requests for additional funding for youth justice.
  6. Bylaws Update: Review existing document for discussion at next meeting.
  7. Public Health Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Quarterly Report: Report provided.
    - b. Coronavirus/Vaccine Update: Discussed case statistics and vaccination data.
  8. Aging & Disability Division
    - a. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission – Deb Kronberger-Oswald: Clark County protective placement facility. Commission provides guidance for facility resources.
    - b. Elder Benefit Services – Kris Mabie: Assistance for persons aged 60 and over with a variety of economic issues: health insurance, income support, community-based services, housing/utilities and consumer issues.
    - c. Three-year Aging Plan Survey – Janine Dobson: Working along with Public Health and the local hospital in community needs assessment. Survey was developed to assist with information gathering.
  9. Behavioral Health Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed report data.
  10. Children & Youth Division
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed report data.
    - b. April Abuse and Neglect Month Presentation – Kayla Borgen: Reviewed the services provided and the abuse investigation process.
    - c. May - Foster Care Month – Sarah Reese-Socha: Presentation at May County Board meeting.
  11. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
    - a. High-Cost Placements Reports: Reviewed report data.
    - b. Department Fee Schedule: Work in process.
  12. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Agency Updates
      - i. Met with UW-Extension Committee: Discussed programs that would provide services to HHSD clients.
      - ii. Human Services Day at the Capitol: Scheduled as a Zoom meeting.
      - iii. Youth Aid Emergency Funding: Received \$6,915 from grant application.
    - b. Personnel Updates: Hired Emily Berry – HHS Program Assistant. Suzy Daniels retiring after 30 years – recruitment will start. Recruiting for Public Health Program Coordinator and Social Worker.
  13. Next meeting – May 5, 2021
  14. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk