

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2, 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, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner, Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Janine Dobson, Robert Kopisch

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Welcome New Board Members: Introduced new Board members.
2. Possible Board Orientation: Discussed interest in department orientation. Sarah will set up and notify Board members.
3. Elect Vice-chairperson: Wartgow nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Hallstrand nominated Dennis Wartgow. No other nominations. Motion Swenson/Kyle to close nominations. Motion carried. Vote: Wartgow 3, Hallstrand 6. Jeff Hallstrand declared committee vice-chairperson.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Krisan reviewed the voucher process. Motion Kyle/Wartgow to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$187,767.47. Motion carried.
6. Minutes from May 5, 2021 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Ocker to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
7. Committee Appointment Recommendations – current terms ending April 30, 2021.
 - a. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – three-year terms: Dianne Gierman
 - b. Nutrition Advisory Council – three-year terms: Tom Bader, Philip Youngs
 - c. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission: Jeff Hallstrand.Motion Kyle/Wartgow to approve the appointments and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.
8. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Coronavirus Update: Reviewed report data. Positive cases are slowing down. Vaccination rates are 47.9% for the state and 44.6% for Price County. Vaccine is readily available.
9. Aging & Disability Division – Janine Dobson
 - a. Re-opening of Congregate Dining Sites: Plan in place to re-open four sites June 7th. Transition of the Park Falls site from the Marshfield Health Center Hospital to Peace Lutheran Church. David Schmidt, chairperson for Nutrition Advisory Council, provided input about the council activity and transition of the Park Falls site. Restructuring will need to be done including hiring a site manager and securing a vendor. Motion Hallstrand/Wartgow to approve the plan to re-open the nutrition sites to congregate dining on June 7th. Motion carried.
 - b. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15th: Sarah provided information.
 - c. Transportation Coordinating Committee Update – Dennis Wartgow: Park Falls and Phillips routes continue to do well. The Minocqua route being well received. BART bus garage planned with City of Park Falls. Will look into electric buses in the future.
 - d. Dementia Care Specialist Position
 - i. Creation of New Position: ADRC has changed from a contract position to an employee position to provide the service for member counties. Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve creation of a Price County dementia care specialist position and forward to the Administration Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - ii. Host County: Price County and Ashland County have submitted request to host the position. Funding will increase providing another 1.5 positions in 2022.
 - iii. Fiscal Agent: \$80,000 provided by the ADRC. Host County will also be the fiscal agent.
10. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Review of reports.
11. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Agency Updates: No additional information.
 - b. Personnel Updates: Amanda Kozak hired as Public Health Program Coordinator. Makala Williams hired as public health nurse. Still recruiting for social worker. Received Janine Dobson's resignation as of June 30th. That position is being restructured to better reflect the composition of the department.
12. Next meeting – July 7, 2021
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk