

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.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, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: Sally Huml. Also present: Nick Trimner, Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Kayla Borgen, Deb Oswald-Kronberger, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Jenny Schuh, Robert Kopisch

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: David Schmidt, Town of Lake, Nutrition Advisory Council comment on the move forward to relocate the Park Falls Senior Meals site. Home delivery is going well. On site has not started yet.
2. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Hallstrand/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$567,540.57. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from June 2, 2021 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. 2020 Annual Report: Division managers reviewed information in the report. Motion Dahlie/Hallstrand to accept the 2020 Annual Report for filing. Motion carried.
5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed.
 - b. Coronavirus Update: Uptick in positive cases. Per CDC guidelines – recommendation for vaccinated individuals to mask in public gatherings for areas of substantial or high community spread. Price County's status is substantial. Motion Dahlie/ for Price County to mandate wearing masks in all indoor public spaces. Motion failed due to lack of a second.
6. Aging & Disability Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald
 - a. ADRC Governing Board Report: Reviewed. They spent grant money to promote COVID vaccinations. Hired the Dementia Care Specialist who will work out of Ashland County. Transitioning the client phone system.
 - b. Quarterly Report: Reviewed.
 - c. Park Falls Senior Dining Site Update: Has moved from Flambeau Hospital to the Peace Center. Only doing home delivery. Will do congregate dining when a site manager is hired.
7. Behavioral Health Division
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Opioid settlement announced with 70% to counties.
8. Children & Youth Division
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed.
9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Reviewed.
10. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Agency Updates: Department of Justice audit and Department of Children and Families review being conducted.
 - b. Personnel Updates: Janine Dobson retired. Kris Mabie transfer to Senior Services Manager. Emily Berry transfer to Elder Benefit Specialist. Stacy Abraham transferred to DA Office.
11. Next meeting – September 1, 2021
12. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk

**Price County Health & Human Services Board
Public Participation Hearing**

Date: August 4, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Public Hearing declared open at 5:00 p.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, Kayla Borgen, Deb Oswald-Kronberger, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Jenny Schuh, Robert Kopisch

Nick reviewed process for attending hearing via conference call. No one on the line.

Accept public comments regarding planning and budgeting for the following:

1. Aging & Disability – Aging and Disability Resource Center – Senior Services: Services include but are not limited to: information and assistance, long-term care options counseling, functional and financial eligibility for publicly funded long-term care programs, elder and adult-at-risk abuse investigations, 2022-2024 Aging Plan for the elderly, congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, Elderly Benefit Specialist program, National Family Caregiver Program, Alzheimer's Family Care Giver Program, Disease Prevention/Health Promotion Program and others. No public comment.
2. Behavioral Health Division: Services include but are not limited to: in-home supports, mental health and substance abuse, disabilities services for children, and the Birth-3 program. No public comment.
3. Children & Youth Division: Programs include but are not limited to: children and family services, child protective services and juvenile justice. No public comment.
4. Economic Support Division: Services include but are not limited to: FoodShare and FoodShare employment and training, BadgerCare and related insurance programs, Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, General Assistance. No public comment.
5. Public Health Division: Services include but are not limited to: communicable disease, maternal child health, public health nursing, environmental health, family planning, WIC (Women, Infants & Children), animal control. No public comment.
6. Any other services available to the public through the Health and Human Services Department. No public comment.
7. Public hearing declared closed at 5:05 p.m.