

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

Date: August 10, 2022

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 (remotely), Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Sarah Reese-Socha, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Kris Mabie.

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Kyle/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$615,551.14. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from June 8, 2022 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. 2021 Health and Human Services Annual Report: For review.
5. Public Health Division
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed COVID statistics. Data does not include home tests.
6. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Kris Mabie
 - a. ADRC Governing Board Report: Discussed outstanding billings. \$65,000 overage and how to use it.
 - b. Program Coordinator/Community Outreach Position: Will be presented at the County Board meeting on August 16th for approval. Recruitment will start. Met with UW-Extension regarding continuation of the StrongBodies program.
 - c. Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting Update – Kris: Met in Brantwood. Reviewed activities of the nutrition sites. Vouchers available for farmer markets.
 - d. Council on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting Update – Kris: There was not a quorum for their meeting. Will be working on goals from the three-year plan. Continue with monthly newsletter and other activities that promote senior service programs.

The BART is requesting assistance with the purchase of a new bus. A garage facility is being built in Park Falls.
7. Behavioral Health Division
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed quarterly statistics.
8. Children & Youth Division
 - a. Juvenile Offenders Report: Reviewed quarterly statistics. Referrals and detentions are trending down.
 - b. Quarterly Report: Reviewed quarterly statistics.
9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Opioid settlement money is moving forward. Anticipating \$400,000 over 20 years or lump sum of \$230,000. Guidelines for spending the funds are coming.
10. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Agency Updates: Had an all-staff meeting. Discussed 1st amendment auditors. Staff are appreciating the employee perks program. Open house for Elder Abuse Day. Participated in the Veterans Outreach Event. With the County policy for closing at noon on Fridays, the department remains open with limited staff. Employees are alternating coverage. Changing workday start at 7am has been very productive.
 - b. Personnel Updates: Chelsea Onchuck resignation as public health nurse. Interviews held and offer made to new candidate. Hired Callie Podmolik as Foster Care Coordinator.
11. Next meeting – September 14 at 3pm
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk