

## Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 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 (remotely), Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Absent: Sally Huml. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Deb Oswald-Kronberger, Robert Kopisch

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 Wartgow/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$282,579.40. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from August 4, 2021 meetings: Motion Swenson/Ocker to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Annual Report Snapshot 2018 – 2020: Review of report.
5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
  - a. Coronavirus Update: Provided data for June, July, August 2021 compared to 2020. Confirmed cases, hospitalizations and death rates increased. Age range of cases and hospitalizations has dropped. Third dose of vaccine approved for immunocompromised. The three school districts are starting with masks optional.
  - b. Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan: Assessment portion is done. Data is being gathered and plan updated.
6. Aging & Disability Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald
  - a. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission Meeting: Governing board for the Clark County Rehabilitation and Living Center which provides emergency protective placements. Dealing with similar COVID issues as other agencies. Currently have two people placed there.
  - b. Update on the Park Falls Senior Dining Site: Hired Dawn Nichols as the site manager. Opening for congregate dining October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting Report: Reviewed the meal statistics. Recommendation of three-foot distancing for congregate dining sites.
7. Economic Support
  - a. Pro-Active/Crisis HE+ Applications for 2021-2022 Policy (Energy Assistance): Provides assistance to residents facing disconnection of heating source for nonpayment of bills. State funded. Motion Kyle/Swenson to approve the program as presented. Motion carried.
8. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
  - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Reviewed. Increase in Children & Youth and AODA cases.
9. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Agency Updates: Nothing additional.
  - b. Personnel Updates: Hired one candidate for Health and Human Service Assistance. Recruiting for the second opening. Will be holding interviews for two Social Worker positions. Megan Ziembo has resigned from the Dental Hygienist position.
10. Next meeting – November 3, 2021
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk