

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

Date: October 7, 2020

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, Gerald Swenson.

Attending remotely: Bruce Jilka, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow. Ex Officio: Robert Kopisch. Also present: Nick Trimner, Sarah Reese-Socha, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Michelle Edwards, Robert Kopisch.

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Stobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$192,290.37. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Houdek, Jilka, Kopisch, Strobl, Wartgow. No: (0). Motion carried.
3. Minutes from September 2, 2020 meeting: Motion Strobl/Swenson to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Appointment Recommendations:
  - a. Council on Aging Advisory Committee – fill remaining term to expire April 30, 2021 – County Board Supervisor (vacated by Bill Teeters): Motion Kopisch/Ocker to forward the recommendation of the appointment of Paula Houdek to the Council on Aging Advisory Committee. Motion carried.
  - b. ADRC-N Governing Board – fill remaining term to expire May 31, 2022 (vacated by Bill Teeters): Motion Kopisch/Ocker to appoint Paula Houdek to the ADRC-N Governing Board. Motion carried.
5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
  - a. Coronavirus Update: 200 positives. Flambeau Hospital has opened a COVID wing, and is full. Northern region hospitals are also full. Schools in Price County are open. There have been no positives with students. Governor Evers' order limiting size of public gatherings, but there are many exemptions. County employee policy revised. Masks are required in all County buildings.
  - b. Quarterly Report: Operations continue by appointment only. Scheduling flu clinics by appointment only at Health Department offices.
6. Aging & Disability Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. ADRC Critical Relief Funds for COVID-19 Pandemic Response: Received \$5,000. Will spend on clear masks, monitors, cell phones, outreach.
7. Behavioral Health Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed program data. Jolie Dirrigle has given resignation notice as the Behavioral Health Division Manager.
8. Children and Youth Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed program data. Monitoring use of the various placement options.
9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
  - a. High Cost Placement Report: Review of report.
10. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Economic Support Division
    - i. Resolution – Provision of General Assistance Services 2021-2022: Used for emergency expenses for indigent citizens. Motion Jilka/Dahlie to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
  - b. Agency Updates: Open enrollment for BadgerCare. Energy Assistance program starting for the season.
  - c. Personnel Updates: Interviews held for Nutrition Site manager substitute. ADRC Division manager interviews Thursday. Jolie Dirrigle has given notice as the Behavioral Health Division Manager as of November 13th. Currently posting internally for a replacement. If that doesn't produce a viable candidate, will expand the recruitment process.
11. Next meeting – November 4, 2020
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk