

## Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2023

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, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker, Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson. Excused: Sally Huml, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha (remote), Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Kris Mabie, Kayla Borgen

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Kristen Harper, Town of Worcester regarding agenda item #5(a). Supervisor Stephan asked a question about the Narcan vending machine – future agenda item.
2. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Kopisch/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$92,544.20. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from October 11, 2023 meeting: Motion Swensen/Ocker to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Public Hearing declared open at 9:05 a.m. for the 2024 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties (§85.21, Wisconsin Statutes): No communications or comments. Hearing declared closed at 9:07 a.m.
5. Public Health Division
  - a. ADA Compliant Playgrounds – ARPA Funding Allocation: Use of \$300,000 of Health Department ARPA money was approved by the County Board on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion Kopisch/Swenson to allocate the \$300,000 equally between the three community groups, in the City of Park Falls, City of Phillips and Village of Prentice, for use in their ADA compliant playground projects. Motion carried.
6. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Kris Mabie
  - a. 2024 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties Application: Annual application for funding the department transportation program, including volunteer drivers and the BART bus. Motion Stephan/Kopisch to approve the 2024 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties application. Motion carried.
  - b. Nutrition Advisory Council meeting report: Met in Brantwood. Reviewed site statistics. Approved increase in the suggested per meal of \$5.00 for congregate and \$5.50 for home delivered and forwarded to the Council on Aging Advisory Committee for their consideration.
  - c. Senior Services Quarterly Report: Reviewed.
7. Economic Support
  - a. Additional Consortium Funding For Employees: Funding available for two employees to take on additional duties with increase of \$1 per hour. Job description to be modified. Motion Kyle/Stephan to accept the additional consortium funding to increase the duties and pay for two employees. Motion carried.
8. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
  - a. High-Cost Placements Reports: Reviewed.
9. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Agency Updates: Memory screening being provided by the ADRC.
  - b. Personnel Updates: Interviews scheduled to fill vacant Elderly Benefit position. Continue to recruit for Disability Benefit Specialist, three Social workers, ADRC full-time and part-time positions. Possibility of intern from UW Stevens Point.
10. Next meeting – January 10
11. Children & Youth Division – Kayla Borgen

Announcement and motion Kopisch/Kyle to adjourn to closed session at 9:38 a.m. pursuant to the exemptions in Wis. State Statute 19.85(1) (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons . . . which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations, for the purpose of :

  - a. Presentation of Social Worker Client Case(s)
  - b. Return to Open Session

Roll call vote: Yes (7): Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Stephan, Dahlie, Ocker, Swenson. No: (0). Motion carried.

Motion Kyle/Ocker in closed session to return to open session at 10:37 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (7): Houdek, Kopisch, Kyle, Stephan, Dahlie, Ocker, Swenson. No: (0). Motion carried.
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk