

## Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 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, Dennis Wartgow, Lorelei Wakefield. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Kris Mabie, Deb Kronberger-Oswald. 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/Wartgow to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$151,528.76. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from October 12, 2022 meeting: Motion Swenson/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Public Hearing declared open at 9:06 a.m. for the 2023 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties (§85.21, Wisconsin Statutes). No comments received. Public hearing declared closed at 9:07 a.m.
5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
  - a. Communicable Disease Update: Reviewed cases, testing and vaccination data.
  - b. Health Equity Presentation: Viewed video and discussed.
6. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald / Kris Mabie
  - a. ADRC-N Governing Board Meeting (Deb): Attended by Deb, Paula and Kathy Shimkets. Money is available for new equipment purchases. Future change in qualifications for ADRC services. Promoting Dementia Care Specialist services.
  - b. Aspirus Nursing Home Closure Update (Deb): Relocation team meets weekly. 13 of 34 residents left for placement.
  - c. Application – 2023 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties (Kris): \$79,889 allocated to Price County. Volunteer drivers and the three BART Bus routes. Motion Wartgow/Wakefield to approve the application as presented. Motion carried.
  - d. Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting (Kris): Reviewed data. Reviewed the annual satisfaction surveys. Discussed the elimination of carry-out services, which was implemented for COVID protocol.
    - i. Bids for Senior Meals: Phillips Café provided bid from \$4.75 to \$4.95.
    - ii. Recommendation for 2023 Senior Meal Donations: Congregate/home delivery suggested donation \$4.50/\$5.00 increase to \$4.75/\$5.25 for home delivery. Motion Dahlie/Stephan to approve the recommended 2023 senior meal suggested donation increase of \$.25. Motion carried.
  - e. Quarterly Report (Kris): Reviewed data for senior meals, volunteer drivers, Elder Benefit Specialist.
7. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
  - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Expenses are down from 2021. Programs are grant funding and tax levy.
8. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Agency Updates: Planning for Crisis today at the Park Falls Public Library.
  - b. Personnel Updates: Cheyenne Litvinoff accepted the Community Outreach position. Will be recruiting to fill her social worker position.
9. Next meeting – January 11, 2023
10. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk