

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 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, 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, Susie Daniels.

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 Stephan/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$249,371.87. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from November 9, 2022 meeting: Motion Kyle/Swenson to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Draft of the Strategic Plan: Reviewed and discussed five-year plan.
 - b. Health Equity Presentation – Part 2: Viewed and discussed part 2 of 3 of Health Equity presentation.
 - c. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Held numerous flu vaccination clinics.
5. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Sarah Reese-Socha and Kris Mabie
 - a. Aspirus Nursing Home Closure Update: All residents were relocated. Final closure was December 16th.
 - b. Council on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting (Kris): Reviewed bylaws and programming.
 - c. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Working on programming for the senior meal sites. Elder Specialist busy with Medicare enrollment. Need to promote use of BART bus by all residents.
6. Behavioral Health Division – Sara Reese-Socha
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Community Support Program continues to be effective.
7. Children & Youth Division – Sara Reese-Socha
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Placements are down due to increased staff and programming intervention. Caseload continues to increase. State mandates a no waiting period for new enrollees. Once entered into the Children's Service Program, the child is served until they reach 21.
8. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Medicaid is supplementing more costs.
9. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Agency Updates: Emergency allotment of FoodShare will be discontinued. Will need to process renewals of Medicaid and Badger Care. Discussed the need for another worker to cover the Behavioral Health unit caseloads. Discussed the need for another worker to cover the investigator caseload in the Aging and Disability unit. .
 - b. Personnel Updates: Jamie Wohlleben social worker in the Children & Youth. Interviews scheduled for adult protective services worker.
10. Next meeting – February 8, 2023
11. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk