

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 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, Board Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Peter Dahlie, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker (remotely), Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Robert Kopisch.

Jean 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/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$374,879.63. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from November 3, 2021 meetings: Motion Wartgow/Kyle to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Bylaws Amendments: Reviewed, edited and referred to the next meeting for approval.
5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Coronavirus Update: Reviewed current data. Cases have spiked again. Discussion on change in quarantine and isolation protocol.
 - b. Quarterly Report: Unable to fill dental hygienist position. North Lakes Community Clinic will be doing the seal-a-smile program.
6. Aging & Disability Division
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed report.
7. Behavioral Health Division – Chana Rymarkiewicz
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed report.
 - b. Update on the Community Support Program and Mobile Crisis: Crisis calls have transitioned to in-house due to lack of contract with a crisis center.
8. Children & Youth Division
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed. Family First Program has provided grant money to help keep kids in their homes.
9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Reviewed report. 2021 department budgets are on track.
10. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. UW-Extension Update: Paula and Sarah are on the interview committee
 - b. Agency Updates: Nothing more to add.
 - c. Personnel Updates: Tammy Dahl transferred to Behavioral Health. Savanah Denzine resigned from Social Worker position. Three openings in Children & Youth Division. Hope Grubb hired as HHSD Assistant. Shea O'Rourke hired as Dementia Care Specialist.
11. Next meeting – March 9.
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk