

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 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, Mark Kyle (9:15 a.m.), Suzanne Ocker (remote), Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow, Lorelei Wakefield. Excused: Sally Huml. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Deb Kronberger-Oswald, Jenny Schuh.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
 2. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Wakefield/Stephan to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$370,619.54. Motion carried.
 3. Minutes from February 8, 2023 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 4. Board Appointments:
 - a. Three-year terms ending May 31, 2026: Patricia Stephan (County Board), Suzanne Ocker (registered nurse); Sally Huml (citizen member): Motion Swenson/Wakefield to approve the appointments as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 5. Sub-committee Appointments:
 - a. Nutrition Advisory Council – Two-year terms ending April 30, 2025: Philip Youngs (Prentice), Sharon Wade (Ogema), Debra Werner (Kennan):
 - b. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Three-year terms ending April 30, 2026: Jordyn Fink (private transportation provider, Marshfield Medical Center), Pam Snyder (citizen advocate), Carissa Smith (citizen advocate)
Motion Wartgow/Dahlie to approve the appointments as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 6. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed data from various programs. Continue with COVID data.
 - b. Public Health Fee Schedule: Reviewed fees and programs provided. Will do a cost analysis on the reproductive health program to determine the Price County pricing. Will bring back in the fall.
 7. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed ADRC data and various outreach initiatives. May 10th outreach fair at Pike Lake Fire Hall. New resource directory in May.
 - b. Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting (February 10th) (Stephan): Discussed the City of Phillips funding issue. Free rides for youth during the summer. Moving forward with purchase of an electric bus with charging stations in Park Falls and Phillips.
 - c. Council on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting (March 13th) (Houdek): Approved policies presented. Once a month program offered at the Phillips site.
 - d. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission (Wakefield, Kronberger-Oswald): Undergoing remodel project. Having trouble getting staff. Working with an international staffing program. Licensed for 172 residents. Cost is \$95 per day if not on Family Care.
 8. Behavioral Health Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed data of crisis calls and participation in programs.
 9. Children & Youth Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed placement data. Placements have gone down.
 10. Economic Support Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Quarterly Report: No report. New Northern Income Maintenance Manager.
 11. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Reports: Reviewed.
 12. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. COVID-19 Emergency Health Order Ending (Edwards, Schuh): Ends May 11th. Vaccines will remain no-cost. Need to order directly from manufacturer and minimum order is too high for County to order. Testing will be billable. Antigen tests will remain free until June 15th. Medicaid will cover costs for an additional year. CDC reporting requirements will end. Will continue recommended protocol if positive. BadgerCare guidelines will be reinstated.
 - b. Agency Updates: Banquet for volunteer drivers. Active shooter training. State three-year assessment in process. Working on annual report.
 - c. Personnel Updates: Interviewing for Substitute Nutrition Site Manager.
 13. Next meeting – May 10, 2023
 14. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk