

**Price County Health & Human Services Board
Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 11, 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, Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker, Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson, Lorelei Wakefield (remotely), Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Susie Daniels, Deb Kronberger-Oswald. Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Chair and Vice-chair elections will be next month.
2. Meeting Schedule: Second Wednesday of the month.
3. New Member Orientation - Sarah Reese-Socha: Departments will present their functions and operations. June 28th or July 12th. Sarah will arrange.
4. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil: Motion Wartgow/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$175,859.69. Motion carried.
5. Minutes from April 13, 2022 meetings: Motion Swenson/Kyle to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.
6. Bylaws Update – Member configuration: Motion Dahlie/Swenson to update to the statutory language of Act 192. Motion carried.
7. Board Appointment Recommendation
 - a. Three-year term to expire May 31, 2025 (Peter Dahlie, physician member)
8. Committee Appointment Recommendations – April 30, 2022
 - a. Council on Aging Advisory Committee (Mary Anderson, June Ellefsen, David Schmidt)
 - b. Nutrition Advisory Council: Still searching for a member from Phillips.
 - c. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Patricia Stephan)
 - d. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission (Lorelei Wakefield)
 - e. ADRC-N Governing Board (Paula Houdek)Motion Wartgow/Dahlie to approve the recommendations as presented and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Coronavirus Update: Reviewed data. Slight uptick in positive cases. Providing free home test kits.
 - b. Tobacco Prevention Update – Susie Daniels: Seven county consortium working as the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition. Federal law changed the age for retailers to sell to 21. State of Wisconsin has not changed their minimum age of buying tobacco products of 18. FDA proposing new rules. Getting counseling, education and promotional materials out to local schools. Programs focusing on pregnant woman smokers.
10. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald
 - a. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: 131 cases in 2021. Provide services to help make the elder abuse victims safe. Financial exploitations/scams are on the rise. Open House planned June 15th. Will present several services for seniors. Motion Wartgow/Stephan to support the National Elder Abuse proclamation as presented. Motion carried.
11. Behavioral Health Division
 - a. Supplemental Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Grant: Received \$50,000 for education and prevention.
12. Children & Youth Division
 - a. Staffing Issues: May is Foster Care Month. With staffing shortages, a presentation will not be provided at the County Board meeting, as has been done in the past.
13. Economic Support Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Quarterly Report: Northern Income Maintenance Consortium. Monthly case average: 1,445 Badger Care, 502 EBD Medicaid, 258 long term care. Average Food Share 1,813 monthly recipients at \$436,566.
14. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Reviewed Children & Youth and AODA data.
15. Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator Position
 - a. Consideration as a County Employee: Have been discussing options to restructure this position to a county employee with more oversight and involvement in HHSD programming.

Services provided by this UW-Extension position have been vacant for over a year. Motion Kyle/Swenson to direct the County Administrator to develop a job description outlining a potential county position and return it to HHSB. Motion carried.

16. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha

- a. Agency Updates: Thank you to the County Board for the cost of living wage increase.
- b. Personnel Updates: Continue with four of eight social workers.

17. Next meeting – June 8

18. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk