

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

Date: June 8, 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 Jean Gottwald, County Clerk.

Roll Call: Present: Peter Dahlie, Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker (remotely), Patricia Stephan, Gerald Swenson, Lorelei Wakefield, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Keri Nelson, Kris Mabie.

Nick reviewed the process for attending meeting via conference call.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Elect Chairperson: Wartgow nominated Paula Houdek. No other nominations. Motion Wartgow/Swenson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Paula Houdek for Chairperson. Motion carried. Supervisor Houdek took over running of the meeting.
2. Elect Vice-chairperson: Wartgow nominated Mark Kyle. No other nominations. Motion Wartgow/Wakefield to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Kyle Vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment and Communications: None.
4. New Member Orientation – June 28th, 8:30 a.m.: Expected to last until noon. Two have requested to attend. If any other members which to attend, let Sarah know.
5. Vouchers – Krisan Bastil
 - a. Committee Report Vouchers: Krisan reviewed the voucher process. Motion Kyle/Wakefield to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$169,610.76. Motion carried.
6. Minutes from May 11, 2022 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Ocker to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
7. Bylaws Update – Member configuration: Motion Kyle/Swenson to approve the amended bylaws as presented. Motion carried.
8. Committee Appointment Recommendations – April 30, 2022
 - a. Nutrition Advisory Council (Jean Klimowski): Motion Wartgow/Wakefield to approve the appointment of Jean Klimowski and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
9. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Coronavirus Update: Rise in positive cases and hospitalizations. Data is only from reported cases, not home testing. Full vaccination rate is 57%. CDC is looking at vaccinations for ages 6 months old and up.
 - b. County Health Rankings: Review of the data from the 2022 State Report. Price County's overall ranking is 47th.
10. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald / Kris Mabie
 - a. Reaffirm Motion from May 11, 2022: (Motion Wartgow/Stephan to support the National Elder Abuse proclamation as presented. Motion carried.) Motion Wartgow/Stephan to reaffirm the motion to support the National Elder Abuse proclamation as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting Update – Kris Mabie/Patty Stephan: Meeting on May 16th. Patty Stephan was elected as the chairperson. Review of the BART bus program which continues to do very well. 15% match required for purchase of new electric bus. Referred to the County for funding source of approximately \$35,000. Garage being built in Park Falls.
 - c. Senior Meals – Home Deliveries: Number of deliveries in Park Falls is expanding. Potentially needing an additional route driver. Home deliveries offered for ages 60 and over who are homebound, or spouse. Needing backup site managers and volunteers.
11. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Review of data. Some preventative programs have reduced the need for placements.
12. Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator Position
 - a. Consideration as a County Employee: Nick and Sarah met to develop a job description that would fit within the HHS Department. Would concentrate on programming and community engagement. Motion Wartgow/Stephan to accept the position into the Health & Human Services Department, per the draft job description as presented, and forward to the Administration Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.

13. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. Agency Updates: Foster Parent Banquet held Monday.
 - b. Personnel Updates: Interview for Social Worker on Thursday. Nick recommending County assistance to County employees to obtain social worker certification.
 14. Next meeting – July13
 15. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk