

Price County Health & Human Services Board  
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 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, Committee Chairperson.

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

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 Wartgow/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$172,588.29. Motion carried.
  3. Minutes from September 14, 2022 meeting: Motion Kyle/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
  4. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
    - a. Communicable Disease Update: Another spike in COVID cases. 0-4 year old children added to vaccination list. Schedule for Flu and COVID vaccination clinics are full. Scheduling offsite clinics. Free COVID tests are available for anyone. *Tween/Teen Emotional Health* presentation at Park Falls Public Library on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Quarterly Report: Did mass exercise in the schools to catch kids up on missing vaccinations.
  5. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald / Kris Mabie
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed quarterly data. Assisting with the Aspirus Nursing Home closure process. *Planning Before a Crisis with Advanced Directives* presentation at Park Falls Public Library on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Council on Aging Meeting Report - Paula Houdek / Kris Mabie: Reviewed information from the meeting.
      - i. Criteria for:
        1. Carry-outs: Have been allowed during COVID protocol. Costs are higher than congregate (same as home delivery) and eliminates the socialization aspect.
        2. Home Delivery: Recipient needs to meet criteria of program.
    - c. Council on Aging Advisory Committee decided to eliminate carry-out meals as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Consensus of Board members support the COA decision.
    - d. Resolution – Bay Area Transportation Commission: Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
    - e. BART Bus Appreciation Month (October): Promoting the use of the BART Bus for all county residents.
  6. Behavioral Health Division
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed data. Increase in youth crisis calls.
  7. Children & Youth Division
    - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed data. Having difficulty finding placement facilities.
  8. Economic Support Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. New Program – Pre-certification Review for the Consortiums (Jenny Schuh): Review process for program services (FoodShare, BadgerCare, Child Care) for accuracy in data. Reviewing 28 cases a day.
    - b. Resolution – Provision of General Assistance Services 2023 – 2024: Motion Wartgow/Swenson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
  9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
    - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Some of the proactive programming has helped to keep placement costs down.
  10. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
    - a. Agency Updates: Nothing additional.
    - b. Personnel Updates: New hire for Public Health Nurse and Social Worker. Interviews scheduled for Community Outreach position.
  11. Next meeting – November 9, none in December.
  12. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk