

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Monroe.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Kenneth Monroe; Vice Chair Kathy Ingersoll; Supervisors Brian Holt, Joseph H. Schaefer and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Penny Scheuerman, Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Nancy Russell.

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Acting Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlo Nevicosi; Deputy Director of HHS Trista Piccola; Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom; Human Resources Director Kate Bishop; Finance Director Jessica Conley; and Veterans Service Officer Nathan Bond.

Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to approve the agenda with one amendment: 1) to move Item 10a under Correspondence – Kenosha County Res. No. 59 to follow Item 7, Unfinished Business. The agenda as amended was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Simons, the January 20, 2021 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period – There was none.

Unfinished Business – There was none.

Correspondence

10a. Referral from the County Board – Kenosha County Resolution 59 – Supporting the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act (The Act)

Veterans Service Officer Nathan Bond briefly explained the purpose for Kenosha County Res. No. 59 and recommended the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution similar to that of Kenosha County. Discussion then focused on how the grant funds would be distributed and utilized. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Wucherer, to approve a resolution in a format similar to that of Kenosha County and prepared by the County Administrator. Motion carried 9-0.**

New Business

8a. Position Change Requests

i) Resolution **-03/21 Authorizing the Reclassification of an AODA Service Coordinator – Substance Abuse Counselor Position to a Behavioral Health Clinician Position at Health and Human Services
County Administrator Mark W. Luberda referred to and explained his memorandum, distributed prior to the meeting, supporting three requests for position changes within Health and Human Services (HHS). Acting Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi gave a brief overview and summarized the purpose for the proposed resolution. **Citizen Representative Scheuerman offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve the proposed resolution entitled Authorizing the Reclassification of an AODA Service Coordinator – Substance Abuse Counselor Position to a Behavioral Health Clinician Position at Health and Human Services. Motion carried 9-0.**

ii) Resolution **-03/21 Authorizing the Reclassification of the HS Supervisor – WIC Position to an HS Supervisor – Early Childhood Health Position at Health and Human Services

Nevicosi gave a brief overview and explained the purpose for the proposed resolution. There will be no detrimental impact on the budget long term. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve the proposed resolution entitled Authorizing the Reclassification of the HS Supervisor – WIC Position to an HS Supervisor – Early Childhood Health Position at Health and Human Services. Motion carried 9-0.**

iii) Resolution **-03/21 Authorizing the Increase of one Part-Time Crisis Intervention Specialist Position to Full-Time and the Elimination of one Part-Time Crisis Intervention Specialist Position at Health and Human Services

Nevicosi gave a brief overview, explained the purpose for the proposed resolution, and requested approval. Citizen Representative Wucherer requested Nevicosi provide a report during the HHS budget presentation in approximately six to seven months, as to whether or not the operation and functionality has improved with the changes, as anticipated. **Citizen Representative Wucherer offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the proposed resolution entitled Authorizing the Increase of One Part-Time Crisis Intervention Specialist Position to Full-Time and the Elimination of One Part-Time Crisis Intervention Specialist Position at Health and Human Services. Motion carried 9-0.**

8b. Child Abuse Prevention Month Update and Request to Use the County Logo

Nevicosi stated April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and summarized the collaboration between HHS and the Tree House Child and Family Center relative to their efforts to prevent child abuse. He requested additional authorization for the use of the county logo on campaign materials throughout the year. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Scheurman, to approve additional authorization for use of the Walworth County name and cupola logo on campaign materials for the duration of the original agreement. Motion carried 9-0.**

8c. Adult Protective Services

Deputy Director of HHS Trista Piccola gave a brief overview of HHS Long Term Care Manager Randy Kohl's assessment of the operations and staffing of the Adult Protective Services (APS) Program. She noted in 2020, local tax levy represented over 70% of the budget for services, compared to 58% in 2014 indicating that state funding has not kept pace with the growing needs for APS. Discussion then focused on the use of volunteer guardians to assist with the less complicated cases in an effort to reduce costs, as oppose to corporate guardians who assist with complex financial asset situations; and, potential causes relating to the increase in number of abuse reports.

8d. 2019 Public Health Annual Report

Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom presented the 2019 Public Health Annual Report found on Pages 12-38. Bergstrom provided further explanation relative to the following:

- Improvements for health outcomes and health factors found on Page 20 of the packet.
- The decline in percentages of children with childhood immunizations found on Page 32.
- Whether or not a 2020 Public Health Annual Report will be provided at a later date.
- The increase in childhood lead poisoning found on Page 35.

Citizen Representative Wucherer offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Los, to place the 2019 Public Health Annual Report on file. Motion carried 9-0.

8e. Resolution **-03/21 Accepting Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Response Funding of \$776,100 and Returning \$500,000 to the Health and Human Services Pandemic Reserve

Nevicosi gave a brief overview and briefly explained the purpose for the proposed resolution. Finance Director Jessica Conley referred to Lines 39-41 on Page 39 and provided further explanation relative to the creation of an expenditure budget rollup. **Citizen Representative Wucherer offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to accept the proposed resolution entitled Accepting Wisconsin Department of Health Services**

COVID-19 Response Funding of \$776,100 and Returning \$500,000 to the Health and Human Services Fund Pandemic Reserve, as proposed. Motion carried 9-0.

Report(s)

9a) COVID-19 Update

Piccola and Bergstrom provided a summation of Nevicosi's memorandum (Pages 42-46) relative to COVID-19. Discussion then focused on supply, demand, and distribution of the COVID vaccine; the disadvantages Walworth County is experiencing; and Lubberda's letter dated February 11, 2021 addressed to Governor Tony Evers and Interim Secretary Karen Timberlake with the Department of Health Services addressing a reduced allocation of vaccines to Walworth County's underserved population due to other community-based clinics. It was requested that Nevicosi share Lubberda's letter with the remaining HHS Board members. Lubberda stated Walworth County may have to fill the void, as test sites diminish, and the need for testing continues. Consideration will need to be given, as to training and purchasing of supplies from a vendor.

9b) Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Site Review

Nevicosi briefly explained the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program and stated the information provided was for informational purposes only.

Correspondence

10a. Referral from the County Board – Kenosha County Resolution 59 – Supporting the Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act (The Act)

This was acted upon earlier in the meeting.

10b. Referral from the County Board – Price County Resolution 5-21 – Support Legislation to Align Detention Hearing Deadlines in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 48 and 938

Nevicosi spoke briefly regarding the Price County resolution and recommended placing it on file. **Supervisor Simons offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to place Price County Resolution 5-21 on file. Motion carried 9-0.**

Announcements – There were none.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Simons, second by Supervisor Holt, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.