

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121**

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

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Vice Chair Tim Brellenthin, Chair Kenneth Monroe, Supervisor William Norem, Supervisor Charlene Staples, Citizen Representatives Dr. Richard Terry and Sandra Wagie-Troemel. Supervisor Kathy Ingersoll and Citizen Representatives Monica Los and William Wucherer were absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: County Administrator David Bretl; Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Elizabeth Aldred; Deputy Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi; Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom; and Dental Hygienist Chase Wolff.

Public: Executive Director of the Association for the Prevention of Family Violence (APFV) Heidi Lloyd; APFV Board of Directors Member Janis Scharnott.

On motion by Supervisor Staples, second by Supervisor Norem, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Citizen Representative Wagie-Troemel, second by Supervisor Staples, the January 16, 2019 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment

Heidi Lloyd, Executive Director of the Association for the Prevention of Family Violence (APFV) distributed and gave a brief overview of a document entitled: New Beginnings/APFV. She said the agency has been renamed New Beginnings/APFV, Inc. and will provide supportive services and advocacy for adult and child victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. The agency also works to educate the community relative to these critical issues. Lloyd said a Shelter Steering Committee was formed in 2016 to research the need for and feasibility of developing a domestic violence shelter for Walworth County residents. The Shelter Steering Committee concluded the former Aurora Health Care clinic located at 20 N. Church St. in Elkhorn is best suited for the shelter based on its location, space and construction. A Conditional Use will be required for the four small apartments to be located in the back.

Unfinished Business

- Building Update

Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Elizabeth Aldred referred to Enclosure 2 of the packet and provided an update on the new HHS building. She said the building continues to progress on time and within budget. Aldred inquired as to whether or not the Board would like to conduct a walkthrough of the new building and the Board decided to wait until the weather warms up.

New Business

- Wisconsin Association of Local Health Department and Boards (WALHDAB) 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities

Aldred gave a brief overview of the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Department and Boards (WALHDAB) 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities (Enclosure 3) relating to public health and explained how the nine priorities listed relate to the community and Walworth County.

- Tracking Data for Community Water Fluoridation Grant

Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom gave a brief presentation on the outcomes that were derived from the tracking data collected in connection with the Community Water Fluoridation Grant and emphasized that dental health impacts beyond just physical health. Bergstrom encouraged the Board members to discuss the data provided with their peers and stated she would like to eventually share this information with the municipalities that have removed fluoride from the community water.

- Request for Letter of Support for New Beginnings APFV (Association for the Prevention of Family Violence) New Facility

Aldred stated HHS was approached by individuals from both Aurora Health Care and New Beginnings/APFV requesting a letter of support for the Elkhorn Plan Commission regarding the new support center in Elkhorn. Aldred inquired as to how the Board would like to proceed.

Administrator Bretl briefly explained the options available to the Board. Citizen Representative Wagie-Troemel was in favor of a resolution supporting the New Beginnings/APFV mission, as they will be serving the Walworth County community even though they may be located in Elkhorn. Discussion followed and the consensus was that the Board would not intervene with the City of Elkhorn's zoning decision.

Supervisor Brellenthin offered a motion, second by Supervisor Norem, to forward a proposed resolution to the County Board of Supervisors indicating that the County supports the mission of New Beginnings/APFV, that there is a need for this type of housing, and to include an affirmative statement specifying that it is up to the City of Elkhorn to determine the appropriateness of the zoning. Motion carried 6-0.

- Federal Shutdown Impact on Economic Support Services

Aldred briefly addressed the federal shutdown that occurred earlier in the year and stated that although HHS has many federally funded programs, there were no impacts on the department or the services provided. She said there was one exception; letters were sent out to recipients of Food Share regarding changes in the benefits and timeline of distribution. Those letters were rescinded. Aldred then briefly explained the distribution of Food Share for the months of January through March and stated the April checks should be mailed according to the regular distribution timeline.

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Targeted Capacity Expansion and Special Project

Nevicosi gave a brief overview of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Targeted Capacity Expansion Grant and stated HHS is seeking authorization to apply. This is a five year grant that will provide up to \$375,000 per year and there is no cost sharing or match.

Citizen Representative Wagie-Troemel offered a motion, second by Supervisor Norem, to approve application for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Targeted Capacity Expansion Grant. Discussion then focused on the required annual review and potential reduction of funds. Motion carried 6-0.

- Carry Forward Funding for Random Moment in Time Study Reimbursement

Aldred briefly explained the proposed budget amendment request to carry forward funding for Random Moment in Time Study Reimbursement that is scheduled to go before the Finance Committee on February 21st. HHS will be requesting that the funds be carried over to the 2019 budget, to be spent as previously budgeted.

Supervisor Staples offered a motion, second by Supervisor Norem, granting approval to go before the Finance Committee to request the proposed budget amendment. Motion carried 6-0.

- Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board Application for Michael McKay
Aldred stated the Executive Committee has approved the appointment of Michael McKay to the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board for a second term. Mr. McKay currently holds one of three seats that represents elders in our community.

Supervisor Norem offered a motion, second by Supervisor Staples, to approve the reappointment of Michael McKay to the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports

- State Office on Aging's Caregiver Program Customer Satisfaction Survey Results for Walworth County

Aldred gave a brief overview of the 2018 Caregiver Programs Customer Satisfaction Survey (Enclosure 9) and stated the survey was given to individuals who are new to the program. Walworth County received a 100% satisfaction rating. Aldred reported there is limited turnover within the programs and, therefore, the numbers are small for new participants. She said HHS does have additional funding and it is anticipated that HHS may have an opportunity to enroll a couple new people next year.

- Join Hands Together Challenge

Nevicosi stated the Children and Families Division is once again partnering with the Treehouse on a child abuse prevention campaign for 2019 and requested approval to use the Walworth County cupola license.

Supervisor Staples offered a motion, second by Supervisor Brellenthin, to allow the Treehouse and the Join Hands Together Challenge to use the Walworth County cupola. Motion carried 6-0.

Nevicosi stated he will bring this matter back to the Board once he has more information and drafts of the proposed billboards.

Correspondence

- Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Letter of Recognition of Successful Efforts in Child Welfare

Aldred gave a brief overview of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families letter of recognition to the Department of Health and Human Services for their successful efforts at completing and documenting caseworker contacts for children in out-of-home care. She stated Walworth County is one of the highest performing counties in the state with 99.01% of the cases being documented within the federal requirement time frame, beating the state expectation of 95%.

Announcements – There were none.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Brellenthin, second by Supervisor Staples, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by Trisha Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.