

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Walworth County Government Center
County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121**

The meeting was called to order at 2:21 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 (arrived remotely at 2:29 p.m.), Penny Scheuerman, and Dr. Richard Terry. Citizen Representative William Wucherer was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberdia; Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred; Deputy Directors of HHS Carlo Nevicosi and Trista Piccola; and Finance Director Jessica Conley.

On motion by Supervisor Schaefer, second by Vice Chair Ingersoll, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Simons, second by Supervisor Holt, the July 22, 2020 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved. Motion carried 8-0

Public Hearing

5) The Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services will conduct a public hearing to seek input from consumers of services, consumer family members, and the public. Testimonials will be received on the quality of health and human services programs, unmet needs, and improvements to the current system of health and human services in Walworth County.

Chair Monroe opened the Public Hearing at 2:24 p.m. **Vice Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to enter into the public hearing. Motion carried 8-0.** Those present were the same as listed above. Chair Monroe gave a brief overview of the Public Hearing Rules of Conduct and inquired if there were any testimonies either remotely or in person. Hearing none, **Vice Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to close the public hearing. Motion carried 8-0.**

Chair Monroe closed the public hearing at 2:25 p.m.

Unfinished Business

New Business

6a) 2021 Budget

Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred gave a brief presentation entitled Health and Human Services 2021 Proposed Budget. Discussion focused on a variety of factors that may cause Wisconsin's federal funding to be so low amongst the other states; and potential delay in release of the Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Report (WiMCR) funding/reimbursements as it relates to the 2020-2021 budget. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to approve the 2021 Health and Human Services Budget with the inclusion of one Public Health Nurse Crisis Case Manager. Motion carried 8-0.**

6b) Approval to Apply for \$25,000 Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission Funding Grant

Deputy Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi requested permission to apply for the Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission (GJJC) Technical Assistance grant in the amount of up to \$25,000. Nevicosi briefly explained the purpose for the grant. The application is due in late October. There are no match requirements and the reporting

requirement is minimal. **Supervisor Schaefer offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, to approve application for the Governor’s Juvenile Justice Commission (GJJC) Technical Assistance grant. Motion carried 8-0.**

Report(s)

7a) Fiscal 2019 Audit/Report on Federal and State Awards and Corrective Action Plan

Aldred stated during the Fiscal Audit there was one finding for non-compliance that was related to the Children’s Long Term Support (CLTS) Program. She reported a contracted provider of the County had employed a caseworker who was not completing all the required documentation. The subcontractor addressed the situation and released the employee. Aldred then spoke briefly about the Corrective Action Plan, which includes HHS providing additional monitoring.

7b) Moraine Lakes Management Evaluation Review Findings

Aldred gave a brief overview of the Moraine Lakes Management Evaluation Review Findings for 2020, which evaluates the five counties within our consortium on the management of the food share program. Walworth County is one of five counties that form this consortium. Aldred stated only one case in need of correction is a Walworth County resident. She reported the consortium has been given some time to provide a response, as to how they are addressing the findings that were outlined. Aldred concluded by pointing out that consumer satisfaction is incredibly high for the work that our consortium is doing.

7c) Supreme Court: DHS Exceeded Authority with Medicaid Recoupment Policy

Aldred shared and gave a brief overview of an article entitled “Supreme Court: DHS Exceeded Authority with Medicaid Recoupment Policy”, which represents a change to state practice moving forward that will reduce recoupment risk for the department in the future.

7d) Update on COVID-19

i. Update on masks calls and concerns

Deputy Directors of HHS Trista Piccola and Carlo Nevicosi provided an update on the procedures that were implemented, as a result of the Governor’s mandate of mask/face coverings.

ii. Update on employer town hall

Nevicosi gave a brief overview of the ‘Employer Best Practices During COVID-19: Virtual Town Hall with Walworth County Public Health and Healthcare’ that Public Health hosted on August 31st in partnership with Aurora Advocate Health and Mercyhealth. A subsequent event is being planned for the first week in October that will target parents with school aged children relative to how schools are handling COVID-19. Discussion ensued.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – There were none.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Simons, second by Vice Chair Ingersoll, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.