

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
Walworth County Government Center  
County Board Room 114  
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121**

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The meeting was called to order at 2:25 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 (arrived remotely at 2:28 p.m.), and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Penny Scheurman, Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance:**

Supervisors: Nancy Russell

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; Children and Families Division Manager Lisa Broll and Ongoing Services Supervisor Valerie Alvarez.

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

**On motion by Vice Chair Ingersoll, second by Supervisor Holt, the September 16, 2020 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved. Motion carried 9-0.**

**Public Comment Period** – There was none.

**New Business**

7a) Children and Families Division Presentation

Children and Families Division Manager Lisa Broll and Ongoing Services Supervisor Valerie Alvarez gave a brief presentation entitled Children and Families Division. Discussion then focused on the detention cost of \$150 to \$180 per day versus ACE/PACE cost of \$250 per day, which includes enhanced substance abuse and mental health treatment services; homelessness relative to families that have either been evicted or are between housing; and student truancy numbers. Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred stated she would like to put together a presentation addressing the issue of homelessness within our community and ways in which Walworth County and the various coalitions are assisting those who find themselves homeless.

7b) Veterans Service Office move to Health & Human Services

Deputy Director of HHS Trista Piccola provided a brief update on the Veterans Service Office move to the Health and Human Services (HHS) building. See Pages 16-17 for more details. Supervisor Nancy Russell requested a video presentation showcasing the Veterans Services Office within the HHS building for the November meeting, which will provide a better idea of the coordination of efforts being put forth. Citizen Representative Wucherer asked if the Veterans Services Office is responsible for their own budget, technology, and security issues within the HHS building. Piccola replied that they are.

7c) ADRC State Proposed Formula Change

Aldred reported the State of Wisconsin has begun discussing their intent to change the funding model for the Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) across the state. Currently funding is based on what phase you became an ADRC. Walworth County's ADRC began in 2010 as a Phase II with funding remaining stable since. Aldred referred to the Memorandum found on Pages 18-19 and gave a brief overview of the proposed changes. The earliest possible date for the new ADRC formula allocation would be 2022. Aldred will continue to update the Board relative to this matter.

7d) Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Public Health Nurse Position at Health and Human Services Aldred gave a brief overview and explained the purpose for the proposed resolution. She reported the resolution will also be presented to the Human Resources Committee and requested permission to begin recruiting for the Public Health Nurse position. The position is pending approval of the 2021 budget. **Citizen Representative Wucherer offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Scheuerman, to approve the proposed resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Public Health Nurse Position at Health and Human Services.** Discussion then focused on the hiring process. **Motion carried 9-0.**

### **Report(s)**

#### 8a) COVID-19 Update

Aldred reported there have been some inquiries regarding contact tracing for probable cases in quarantine and for close contacts of those probable cases. Aldred briefly explained the difference between an Antigen test, which will indicate when an individual is responsive to having COVID-19 and is commonly referred to as a probable case; and a PCR test, which will indicate whether or not an individual has tested positive for COVID-19. Antigen tests do not appear as case numbers for Walworth County, since they do not qualify as a positive case. HHS is required by the state to treat all probable and COVID-19 positive cases the same. Aldred reported the WEDDS electronic system used by the state to track all COVID-19 cases was taken down three days for updates, which created an influx of 130 positive PCR tests. HHS had to step to the “Crisis Standards of Practice”, which reduces the number of contact tracing they do. HHS is currently performing contact tracing on the individual who has either tested positive and/or probable for COVID-19, their immediate family members, and higher risk individuals. HHS will then ask the individual to reach out to others who may have been in contact with them. Aldred stated HHS is looking to bring on a second contracted provider to perform the contact tracing for HHS. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi proceeded to give a brief overview of his Memorandum on COVID-19 found on Pages 23-24 of the packet. Discussion followed. Citizen Representative Wucherer expressed appreciation toward the HHS staff on behalf of the Health and Human Services Board for all they are doing relative to contact tracing and community testing.

**Correspondence** – There was none.

**Announcements** – There were none.

**Confirmation of Next Meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Vice Chair Ingersoll, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.**

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Submitted by Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Health and Human Services Board at the November 18, 2020 meeting.