

Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 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, Board Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Peter Dahlie, Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Sally Huml, Mark Kyle, Suzanne Ocker (remotely), Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Deb Kronberger-Oswald, Keri Nelson, Krisan Bastil, Robert Kopisch.

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 Hallstrand/Kyle to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$339,667.78. Motion carried.
 3. Minutes from January 12, 2022, meetings: Motion Kyle/Swenson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 4. Bylaws Amendments: Motion Hallstrand/Wartgow approve the amended bylaws as presented. Motion carried.
 5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
 - a. Coronavirus Update: Reviewed current data. Decrease in cases. Reviewed new CDC guidelines.
 - b. Information on Senate Bill 312 (Composition of Local Boards of Health): Need a Registered Nurse and Physician on the board. Bill would expand to allow a Physician Assistant in case a board cannot find an RN or MD.
 6. Aging & Disability Division – Deb Kronberger-Oswald
 - a. Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission Meeting – Jeff Hallstrand: Update on most recent meeting. Woodland Agency is understaffed by 50 people.
 - b. ADRC-N Governing Meeting – Deb Kronberger-Oswald: Update on ADRC Governing Board meeting. New grant for vaccine outreach. Transitioning to new phone system. Reviewed ADRC program changes.
 - c. Nutrition Advisory Committee Meeting – Sarah Reese-Socha: Updates on meeting. The cost of meals has significantly increased due to cost of carryout and increase in home delivered meals. Still in need of site manager substitutes.
 - d. Transportation Coordinating Committee – Dennis Wartgow: BART Bus planning on building a garage in Park Falls for bus repairs, etc. Number of fares has remained stable. Dennis has met term limitation and recommendations for another member is needed.
 7. Resolution – Elimination of Badger Care Eligibility Cliff: Reviewed. Wartgow/Swenson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 8. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Keri Nelson
 - a. High-Cost Placements Report: Reviewed 2021 report.
 9. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
 - a. UW-Extension Update: Still searching for a qualified candidate for the Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator position.
 - b. Agency Updates: Department thankful for cards for work anniversary, birthday, etc.
 - c. Personnel Updates: Hope Grubb in HHS Assistant. New opening in Children & Youth Unit. Shea O'Rourke started in ADRC. Children & Youth Unit: four workers doing the job of eight. Increase in behavioral health and alcohol and drug cases. Supervisors are doing more case work including on-call. Discussion about staff retention.
 10. Next meeting – April 13
 11. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk (with notes from Keri Nelson)