

## Price County Health & Human Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 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, Gerald Swenson, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Sarah Reese-Socha, Michelle Edwards, Krisan Bastil, Kris Mabie, Chana Rymarkiewicz

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 Wartgow/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$137,020.29. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from March 9, 2022 meetings: Motion Kyle/Swenson to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. Committee Appointment Recommendations – April 30, 2022
  - a. Council on Aging Advisory Committee: Postpone to May.
  - b. Nutrition Advisory Council (Clarita Wenzel, Bill Hoffman): Motion Swenson/Ocker to approve the appointments and forward to the County Board. Motion carried. Representative for Phillips still needed.
5. Public Health Division – Michelle Edwards
  - a. Quarterly Report: Health and Wellness Coalition has been involved with program planning for the YMCA in Park Falls. Thank you plaque from Governor Evers for efforts during COVID.
  - b. Coronavirus Update: Reviewed current data. Cases continue to decline. Second booster is available for high risk people.
  - c. Update on Act 192 (Composition of Local Boards of Health): Will amend bylaws to reflect new membership language.
  - d. Public Health Strategic Plan: Stakeholder survey being sent out. May 18<sup>th</sup> will be first of three meetings.
6. Aging & Disability / Senior Services Division – Sarah Reese-Socha and Kris Mabie
  - a. Quarterly Report – ADRC: Thank you from Governor Evers for efforts during COVID. Reviewed report data.
  - b. Quarterly Report – Senior Services: Nutrition meals serving approximately 160 participants. Volunteer Appreciation Month.
7. Behavioral Health Division – Chana Rymarkiewicz
  - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed report. Youth numbers are high.
8. Children & Youth Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Quarterly Report: Reviewed report. Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools are scheduled to close. Juveniles will be sent to Milwaukee facility. Push to return 17 year olds to the juvenile system instead of the adult system.
  - b. Staffing Issues: Currently have four of the eight social worker positions open. Conducting a child welfare workload study. Creating a staff position that will do some of the initial intake paperwork the social workers are currently doing. Working with legislature to provide more funding, potentially at the preventative stage.
9. Fiscal and Administrative Division – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. High-Cost Placements Report: AODA slightly above budget. Children & Youth under budget.
10. Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator Position: Having difficulty filling the existing position.
  - a. Consideration as a County Employee: Referred to Administration Committee. They voted to return it to Land Use / UW-Extension with recommendation to repost the existing position.
11. Director Report – Sarah Reese-Socha
  - a. Agency Updates: Appreciation dinner planned for volunteer drivers. Child Abuse Prevention Month.
  - b. Personnel Updates: Continue to aggressively recruit for C&Y Social Workers.
12. Next meeting – May 11
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk