

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2025

The meeting of the Health & Human Services Committee was called to order by Chair Joe Gonyo at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 13, 2025 in person and via remote access at the Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present: Joe Gonyo
Mary Hess
Nancy Hoffmann (remote)
Mike Skivington
Christine Schapfel

Absent: Brian Floeter
Richard Trochinski

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Jason Jerome, HHS Director; Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial Manager; Ryan Bamberg, Aging Unit Manager; Shelby Jensen, ESU Unit Manager; Lisa Schiessl, C&F Unit Manager; Dawn Brantley, FRI Unit Manager; Rachel Prellwitz, Health Officer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/11/2024 MINUTES

Motion/second (Schapfel/Skivington) to approve the minutes of the 11/11/2024 minutes as presented with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

HHS Director Jason Jerome requested that this item be moved up on the agenda – Chair Gonyo complied with the request. Jerome stated that unit managers will be attending future meetings when available to answer any questions that come up from the committee. Jerome also outlined the resolution on the agenda and gave an overview of the transportation needs.

APPEARANCES

- **Update on Transportation – Ryan Bamberg and Dawn Brantley**

Aging Unit Manager Ryan Bamberg provided an update on the 8521 Senior Transportation program. This is a state funded program for individuals 55 and over that require transportation to medical appointments, grocery store, etc. The county receives approximately \$80,000 annually. Bamberg stated Green Lake County will now be handling this in house instead of contracting the service. We currently have 4 drivers and Bamberg stated this is working well so far. Since this is the first year of handling this in house Bamberg stated that data will be gathered and analyzed for future needs as the year progresses.

Dawn Brantley, FRI Unit Manager, spoke in regard to the 5310 Transportation grant that is provided for Fox River Industries use. She stated that they have acquired the 2 senior transport vehicles as well and are helping provide transportation as needed to the Aging unit.

RESOLUTION

- **Seeking Withdrawal from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium and Form the Rural Environmental Health Alliance**

Health Officer Rachel Prellwitz provided background information regarding withdrawal from the Tri-County Environmental Health Consortium and stated that based on our current staffing and program needs HHS is recommending that we join Marquette County and form the Rural Environmental Health Alliance. *Motion/second (Hoffmann/Schapfel)* to approve the resolution and forward to County Board for final approval. Motion carried with no negative votes.

VSO REPORT

No report given.

UNIT REPORTS

Discussion held on Behavioral Health unit's submitted report with recognition given for crisis assessments and suicide initiatives.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

HHS Director Jason Jerome stated that recruitment is currently underway for a Behavioral Health Case Manager due to an internal transfer as well as 2 Data Entry/Receptionist positions.

2025 BUDGET UPDATES

No updates at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Dates – February 10, 2025

Future Agenda Items:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gonyo adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk

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