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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: April 9, 2019

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kathy McCoy, Dale Schleeter, Carol Pearson, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, James Schlender.

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Tom Hoff, Eileen Simak, Lauri Perlick, Cindy Hanus.

**Guests in Attendance:**

Chally Topping-Thompson, Lisa Stark.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McCoy, noting for the record that Tweed Shuman, Rose Gokee, Jennifer Vobornik and Helen Dennis were absent.

**Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**Audience Recognition**

Chally Topping-Thompson addressed the board to express some concerns of Indian Child Welfare (ICW) staff regarding services for tribal members through several Health and Human Services programs.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Dale Schleeter to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting as presented; motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

**a. LCO Liaison**

There was nothing to report under this item.

**Administration**

**a. Human Services Day at the Capitol**

The Director reported that he and other Sawyer County staff met with state representatives and/or their staff from local assembly districts on Tuesday, April 2. They voiced concern over troubling social issues and the lack of sufficient funding to properly provide or facilitate services for Sawyer County residents. Some of the specific topics discussed were:

- Mental health crisis response requires more resources beyond crisis stabilization and the high cost of “outlier” placements are unsustainable
- The expanding aging population and dementia care related health issues, including limited dementia crisis placements
- Support for a thirty million dollar increase to fund additional Child Protective Services caseworkers, supervisors and increased out-of-home placements
- Sum sufficient funding for increased caseloads and related mandated services for Children’s Long Term Support Waiver waitlist elimination, Income Maintenance and seventeen year olds in the juvenile justice system
- Delay moving forward with the “No Wrong Door” initiative until key stakeholders are substantively included in providing input toward this proposed endeavor

### **Adult Long Term Care**

#### **a. Introduction to Aging and Disability Resource Center Loan Closets**

Long Term Care supervisor Lauri Perlick provided a display of numerous items available from the ADRC loan closet. Specialty items, such as alarms, locks, telephones, radios and the like were purchased specifically for the loan closet with funding from the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP). Many of these specialty items are expensive, and the loan closet allows consumers to try a product before making a purchase. AFCSP funding is also used to provide services such as respite, home modifications and supportive home care.

#### **b. Adult Protective Services (APS) Update**

Ms. Perlick provided a power point presentation of statistics regarding the rapidly growing aging population of the United States, the projected growth of Sawyer County's aging population, the scope of APS and the increase in numbers of investigations and their related costs while funding has remained the same since 2009. Guardianships with protective placements have increased exponentially since 2014. APS performs annual court-ordered reviews of all protective placements, many of which are placed outside of Sawyer County, with no additional funding for this service. Other considerations include adults living in poverty and a long term care workforce crisis that is projected to worsen year after year.

### **Public Health**

#### **a. Community Vape Meeting Update**

Public Health Officer Eileen Simak reported on the community Vape meeting held on April 1 at the Hayward High School. Panel members included Dr. Harry Malcolm, Charmaine Swan, coordinator of Northwest Wisconsin's Tobacco-Free Coalition, and high school principal Daniel VanderVelden. Use of vaping devices by persons under eighteen years of age is illegal. Vaping devices deliver an aerosol that is inhaled and absorbed quickly into the bloodstream. The nicotine delivered via the aerosol is highly addictive and the various flavors entice usage by minors. The schools are developing policies to curb use through education and counseling/therapy.

### **Fiscal**

#### **a. Budget Performance Report:**

A copy of the budget performance report for February 2019 was provided to the Board.

#### **b. Purchased Service Recap:**

A copy of the purchased service recap of expenses for February 2019 was provided to the Board.

### **Any Items for Discussion Only**

In light of earlier conversations regarding the long term care workforce shortage, Patty Dujardin shared information with the Board about the discontinuation of the HHS Personal Care Worker (PCW) program in 2010. Wages and benefits paid to sustain employment far exceeded the Medicaid reimbursement making the program itself unsustainable.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.