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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: October 8, 2019

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kathy McCoy, Carol Pearson, Tweed Shuman, James Schlender, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Dale Schleeter, Jennifer Vobornik, Lorraine Gouge (arrived at 6:31 P.M.)

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Joe Bodo, Alicia Carlson, Tom Hoff, Dave Bauer, Cindy Hanus

**Citizens present:**

Carol Lund

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McCoy at 6:30 P.M., noting for the record that Tom Duffy Sr. was absent. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Public Health Officer, Eileen Simak, who passed away on September 25.

**Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**Audience Recognition**

Jennifer Vobornik spoke from a consumer point of view about office space concerns in the agency. Per Kathy McCoy, this item will be on the November board meeting agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting with a correction to the LCO Liaison report as follows: The LCO half-way house is currently not in use, and the Tribe is discussing its possible conversion to a **women's** facility. Motion carried.

**Reports**

**a. LCO Liaison**

Lorraine Gouge reported the Tribal Governing Board adopted an ordinance to prohibit the sale or use of any vaping products in any tribal facilities. Other issues of concern to the Tribe are alternatives to incarceration and programs to help members transition from the jail back into the community and the work force.

**b. Senior Resource Center**

There was nothing to report under this item.

**Behavioral Health**

**a. Transitions Update**

A report of Transitions census including gender, age, length of stay and target group was provided to the Board. Joe Bodo reported on pending admissions and discharges.

### Administration

**a. Collection Policy**

Appropriate county staff met with Corporation Counsel last month regarding the proposed collection policy. One area of concern still pends legal clarification. Additional internal components of the policy pend administrative discretion. A final draft of the proposed collection policy will be provided to the Board at the November meeting.

**b. Authorization for Agency Closure at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27 and Monday, December 23**

A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Sabrina Dunlap to close HHS on November 27 and December 23 at 4:00 PM with all other departments in the court house; motion carried.

**c. 2020 Board Meeting Dates**

After discussion and Board consideration, the November 2020 HHS Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3 as scheduled.

### Long-Term Care

**a. ADRC-N Update**

Per the Director, the State will provide additional funding in 2020 to support the continuation of the ADRC-N Consortium. The ADRC-N Ashland branch manager will assume the part-time duties of the ADRC-N Director.

**b. ADRC-N Governing Board Representative (Action Item)**

After consideration, Carol Pearson declined serving on the ADRC-N Governing Board. Dale Schleeter volunteered to represent Sawyer County. A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Carol Pearson to appoint Schleeter as the Sawyer County Board representative on the ADRC-N Governing Board; motion carried.

### Public Health

**a. Public Health Update**

After the passing of HHS Public Health Officer Eileen Simak, the Division of Public Health Northern Region Director, Angela Nimsgern, is providing support and guidance with day to day operations and recruitment of a permanent public health officer. A current part-time public health nurse is working a few more hours per week, and a nurse who previously retired from HHS has returned to help with flu clinics.

**b. Interim Public Health Officer**

After discussion, a motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Jennifer Vobornik to appoint acting Health Officer Jessica Bjork as interim Health Officer; motion carried.

### Fiscal

**a. 2020 Budget**

Tom Hoff reported there are no changes at this time to the HHS portion of the proposed full county budget. The increase to health insurance premiums came in much higher than expected prompting a request for proposals.

**b. Budget Performance Report**

A copy of the budget performance report through August 2019 was provided to the Board.

**c. Purchased Services Recap**

A copy of the purchased services recap through August 2019 was provided to the Board. Inpatient mental health expenses from Winnebago and Mendota IMD's are expected to exceed budgeted figures.

**Any Items for Discussion Only**

- a. Kathy McCoy provided reminder of the one-day Human Service Board Member Seminar which will be held on October 16 in Stevens Point.
- b. The Director reported on discussions held at the recent Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) meeting regarding the 5% increase to inpatient rates at Winnebago and Mendota IMD's that took effect October 1. WCHSA is organizing a formal protest in response to the increase.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

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