

November 5, 2019

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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: November 5, 2019

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy McCoy, Carol Pearson, Tweed Shuman, James Schlender (arrived at 6:44 PM), Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Dale Schleeter, Jennifer Vobornik (arrived at 6:32 PM), Tom Duffy Sr.

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Jess Bjork, Tom Hoff, Dave Bauer, Cindy Hanus

Citizens present:

Carol Lund

Charles Howe

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McCoy at 6:30 P.M., noting for the record that Lorraine Gouge was absent.

Agenda

A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Tom Duffy to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 7) Public Health Update to follow item 4) Audience Recognition and item 9) Fiscal (a-c) before item 8) Any Items for Discussion Only; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tom Duffy, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Audience Recognition

Draper resident Charles Howe addressed the Board asking for their support and assistance with procedural requirements to implement an advisory referendum on a 2020 regular election ballot to legalize cannabis for medicinal use. Tom Hoff and the County Clerk will determine which committee of the County Board would be most appropriate to address this request.

Public Health

a. Public Health Update

Interim Health Officer, Jess Bjork, reported the Public Health unit is working well together to continue to provide services on a daily basis. Lynn Schuman, the recently retired nurse who returned to help with mass flu clinics, will provide school services when Jess is out on maternity leave.

Reports

a. LCO Liaison

Per Tweed Shuman, Lorraine Gouge is currently attending the BIA Conference in St. Paul, MN. There has been a change of Director within the Indian Child Welfare unit. Remodeling of the LCO half-way house has begun. When complete, the facility will be used as a women's shelter. The Tribe plans to develop the current Oakwood Haven building as a men's facility.

b. Senior Resource Center – 85.21 Grant Resolution

A proposed resolution authorizing Sawyer County to make application with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a grant to provide specialized transportation services to the elderly and disabled was presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Dale Schleeter, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the resolution and forward to the full County Board for approval; motion carried.

Tom Hoff reported meals at the Winter site are not currently offered, but Meals on Wheels are provided. Per Dale Schleeter, meals at the Winter site were discontinued by the SRC Director possibly due to training issues and/or safety concerns. The SRC has requested a \$10,000 advance of their 2020 funding to sustain their programs until they receive their 2020 funding from the State. This request is on the agenda of the upcoming finance committee meeting. Kathy McCoy suggested county employees could help with fiscal tasks. Per Hoff, a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and SRC regarding programmatic and/or fiscal oversight is needed.

Administration

a. Collection Policy

The agency collection policy was presented to the Board for approval. A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the policy with editing of typographical errors; motion carried.

b. Space Reorganization

Per Patty Dujardin, agency reception in the lower level seems to be working well. The majority of in-person appointments are with staff located there. The next phase of the reorganization is to redesign/remodel the work stations at the reception desks to make them more useable. The current layout of the desks affords minimal space to work on assigned projects other than receiving clients and answering telephones. The final phase of reorganization will be the redesign/remodel of the upper level reception area to increase much needed office space. The ADRC conference room has been converted to an office so that staff are not doubled-up in one office. Space will continue to be an issue when vacant positions are filled.

c. Privacy Issues

The concern of a consumer, voiced at last month's meeting, has been addressed. The broader issue of lack of sound-proofing from office to office was discussed. This is an issue throughout the entire courthouse, and a major concern regarding confidentiality in the Health and Human Services department. The matter will be referred to the Public Works committee for discussion.

Fiscal

a. 2020 Budget

Tom Hoff reported there were no changes to the HHS portion of the 2020 full county budget.

b. Budget Performance Report

A copy of the budget performance report through September 2019 was provided to the Board. While some line items may be over budget, many are under budget due to staffing shortages. Inpatient mental health rates at Winnebago and Mendota IMD's increased 5% beginning October 1.

c. Purchased Services Recap

A copy of the purchased services recap through September 2019 was provided to the Board.

Any Items for Discussion Only

The subject of Winnebago and Mendota costs to counties was a prominent item of discussion for the Wisconsin Counties Association Ambassadors at the October 29 meeting with State legislators. Dale Schleeter, representing Sawyer County, requested copies of the budgets for Winnebago and Mendota Mental Health Institutes from Wisconsin State Senator Janet Bewley. He will share the information with the Board if and when he receives it.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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