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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House – Assembly Room

DATE: January 12, 2021

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Dale Schleeter at 6:30 P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Roll call was taken. Members present included: Dale Schleeter, Chuck Van Etten, Lorraine Gouge, Tweed Schuman, Dawn Petit, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Carol Pearson, Dale Olson (joined after roll call)

Members absent: Jennifer Vobornik

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Tom Hoff, Patty Dujardin, Julia Lyons, Joe Bodo, Lauri Perlick, Brittany Haag, Tanya Armsbury, Alex Butterfield

Others in Attendance:

Joey Johnson

Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Audience Recognition

There was nothing to report under this item.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Dr. Sabrina Dunlap to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Reports

a. LCO Liaison

Lorraine Gouge reported that:

- As of January 11th, LCO has 7 positive COVID-19 cases, down from 19 on January 6th. Vaccination of Health Care workers and Tribal Essential Staff is underway, and they plan to have 150 patients vaccinated by January 15th. The Tribe receives 100 vaccines every other week. This will increase in March, with hopes of having enough for anyone that wants a vaccination by June.
- The men's shelter was added onto and continues to operate at capacity.
- The new day care center will have their grand opening on January 15th and is scheduled to be operational in February
- The new fire hall is complete, working to get everything implemented and operational
- The Tribe is looking for ways to address broad ban issues in their community
- The Sawyer County Sheriff's Department and Tribal Police Department are working jointly to address drug issues; with emphasis on prosecuting dealers as well as helping those struggling with addiction.

b. Senior Resource Center

Joey Johnson reported that the SRC received over \$50,000 in donations in 2020. The majority of that money was for Meals on Wheels and the new bus. With grants they have received, the SRC is going into 2021 without debt. Ms. Johnson discussed the number of meals that are served in a year, as well as the costs of providing those meals. The Senior Center in Exeland is temporarily closed due to smoke damage from a stove that was left on over a period of days. Meals are currently being cooked at the United Methodist church until the center can reopen. Ms. Johnson expressed what a great team they have at the SRC and across the Senior Center sites, and the team deserved a big “Thank you”.

Adult Long Term Care

a. ADRC Resolution

A resolution supporting increased funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers was presented to the Board. Lauri Perlick gave a brief history of reallocation of funds amongst Wisconsin ADRCs. Ms. Perlick spoke briefly on the methodology of how the ADRCs came up with the funds they are asking for. A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Lorraine Gouge to approve the resolution and put it to the full committee. Motion passed.

WHEAP (Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program)

Paul Grahovac provided a program update on behalf of Barb Weber, who oversees the program at Sawyer County. In September of 2020 there was an Administrative Review of the program, and it went very well. Due to low fuel prices and warmer temperatures, there have been no after-hours crisis calls this season. Applications for this season are down about 5% from this time last season. The number of furnace replacements and repairs are about the same as last season but there are longer wait times for parts and repairs.

Youth Justice

Brittany Haag, the new Youth Justice supervisor gave a presentation to the board, providing an overview of the program. Staff turnover, greater involvement in Truancy court, and challenges due to COVID were discussed. Current trends the program is seeing include an increase in truancy, behavioral and mental health concerns from families, and juvenile runaways. There has been a decrease in criminal referrals likely due to COVID related lockdown and school closures.

Public Health

Public Health Officer (PHO) Julia Lyons provided Coronavirus data for Sawyer County as of January 12, 2021 in a PowerPoint presentation. The data showed a cumulative total of 1298 positive cases, 1217 recovered, 63 active, 17 deaths, and 63 ever hospitalized. Sawyer County is still at a Red Risk Level, with an average of 6.3 positive cases per day. Testing is still being done and testing sites are still being offered at the hospital, LCO, and the Winter fire hall. There are currently 6 sites working to vaccinate individuals eligible under the CDC’s tier 1a. As of January 8th, the number of 1st dose vaccines administered in Sawyer County is over 500. Tier 1b which includes Law Enforcement and Fire will be able to receive vaccine starting January 18th, 2021.

Fiscal

a. Budget Performance Report

The HHS budget performance report for November was provided to the Board.

Patty Dujardin reported that there is a 3-month lag on State bills, and that December will likely be a heavy month, both for bills and payments. The possibility of COVID funding for 2021 was discussed.

b. Purchased Services Recap

A copy of the purchased services recap for November was provided to the Board.

Any Items for Discussion Only

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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