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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: June 9, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Carol Pearson, Dale Schleeter, Tweed Shuman, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Lorraine Gouge

**Virtually:** Chuck Van Etten, Dawn Petit, Dale Olson

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Paul Grahovac, Tom Hoff, Cindy Hanus, Alex Butterfield

**Virtually:** Patty Dujardin, Joe Bodo, Julia Lyons, Shawna White

**Citizens present:**

None

The meeting was called to order by Dale Schleeter at 6:30 P.M. noting for the record that Jennifer Vobornik was absent.

**Agenda**

A motion was made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried.

**Audience Recognition**

There was nothing to report under this item.

**Public Hearing on HHS 2021 Budget**

This item will be moved to the July agenda to allow for timely publication.

**Committee Member Orientation**

**a.) HHS Board By-Laws**

Copies of the HHS Board By-Laws were provided to all Board members to review and bring any resulting questions to the July meeting.

**b.) Public Health**

Public Health officer Julia Lyons provided a general overview of the functions of the health department, including the responsibilities of the HHS Board as our "Local Board of Health". Lorraine Gouge reported an incident involving blood borne pathogens at a business near the casino that was not handled properly. Ms. Lyons offered to contact the store manager with recommendations on how to handle such situations. Dale Olson suggested offering a class through public health and inviting business owners/managers county-wide.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dale Olson, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the minutes of the May 12 meeting as presented; motion carried.

## **Reports**

### **a. LCO Liaison**

Lorraine Gouge reported on the following:

- The Tribe intends to build on programming in response to the continuing opioid epidemic
- They have hired a Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) provider
- They are refurbishing existing housing to serve as quarantine locations
- They are building a new day care facility
- They will be opening a transition house for tribal members returning from treatment
- The men's and women's shelters are "growing"
- The boy's and girl's club will be opening soon/employees are being called back
- The Tribe has hired Rebecca St. Germaine as their HHS Director
- To date they have tested 380 members for COVID-19 resulting in no positive cases
- They are moving to their next phase of re-opening from the pandemic

### **b. Senior Resource Center (SRC)**

The June SRC report was provided to the Board.

## **Public Health**

### **a) Coronavirus Update**

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons reported there have been nine COVID-19 cases county-wide, which includes one new case today. To date, 1327 people have been tested in Sawyer County. Some people have been tested multiple times (for 'return to work' status, etc.) There was no spike in cases after the Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Lyons has been asked to sit on an advisory council for the state regarding COVID-19 testing and Emergency Operations Centers (EOC). This is a result of Sawyer County being recognized by the State for its handling of COVID-19 procedures.

## **Fiscal**

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

A copy of the budget performance report for April 2020 was provided to the Board. Financial Manager, Patty Dujardin, reported on decreased revenue and a significant increase in purchased services, particularly for Winnebago Mental Health Institute. Per Joe Bodo, an increase in the chronically mentally ill population and the current pandemic are contributing factors. After several Board members voiced their concerns regarding the hospitalizations and their impact on the budget, Ms. Dujardin provided a brief history on the actions of the State which resulted in the lack of inpatient services available at hospitals in the northern half of the state. The lack of available psychiatric unit beds in "local" hospitals is a direct result of the increased Winnebago expenses. Tom Hoff will draft a resolution on the issue to be reviewed by the Board at the July meeting.

### **b. Purchased Services Recap**

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

## **Residential Collection Procedure**

There was nothing to report under this item as it is pending review by Corporation Counsel.

## **Any Items for Discussion Only**

The Director reported the Department of Children and Family Services has contacted SCHHS and LCO Indian Child Welfare to participate in a pilot program which would integrate LCO ICW into the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (eWISACWIS).

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.