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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: October 7, 2020

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, Tweed Shuman, Chuck Van Etten, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Lorraine Gouge, Dawn Petit, Dale Olson, Jennifer Vobornik

Members absent: Carol Pearson

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Tom Hoff, Patty Dujardin, Julia Lyons, Cindy Hanus, Alex Butterfield

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 Tweed Shuman, seconded by Dawn Petit to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Reports

a. LCO Liaison

Lorraine Gouge reported the following:

- The Tribe is in the process of “bringing in” more homes for COVID positive members
- The LCO clinic addiction specialist is serving forty-three people from the community
- An off-site COVID testing event was held today with 111 tests performed for both tribal and non-tribal participants.
- The men’s shelter is up and running; currently there is a waiting list.
- The Tribe is providing shelter for women and families as well.
- The new medical director at the clinic is getting familiar with the community.

b. Senior Resource Center

There was nothing to report under this item.

Public Health

a) Coronavirus Update

Public Health Officer (PHO) Julia Lyons provided up to date Coronavirus data in a power point presentation, demonstrating a cumulative total of 258 positive COVID-19 cases with 9 having been hospitalized. There are currently 50 active cases and one death has been confirmed. At this point, test results confirm 4.9 positive people per day. The infection rate throughout the state is high. She has hired more contact tracers. Things are going very well for all the schools in the county. There have been very few positive cases or numbers who have to quarantine.

Coronavirus Update continued

Public Health will continue to work with the schools and local labs to get testing on site. They continue to add local information to the web site and update their Facebook page daily.

a. Update to Existing Public Health Ordinance

County Administrator Tom Hoff addressed the audience to explain the objective for updating proposed changes to the existing Public Health ordinance on communicable disease and public human health hazards. The proposed changes would add legislative oversight to orders that come from the Public Health Officer. There is also a proposed change to the enforcement portion of the ordinance to consider for adoption. PHO Julia Lyons stated enforceability was not clearly written in the original ordinance, and also reiterated the proposed changes would give the County Board the authority to override orders of the PHO. Community members addressed the Board with their concerns and/or support of the ordinance. A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Dale Olson to postpone passing this ordinance for two to three months; after discussion, motion carried.

Following this agenda item, a five-minute recess was taken.

Fiscal

a. 2021 HHS Budget

Tom Hoff reported not much has changed with the HHS budget. Out-of-county placements remain problematic and those expenses are beyond our control. The HHS fund balance will be used to cover overages.

b. Budget Performance Report

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

c. Purchased Services Recap

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

Any Items for Discussion Only

The Director thanked PHO Julia for her hard work and professionalism.

Many community members who spoke tonight regarding the Public Health ordinance made comment about the PHO's residency. Tom Hoff clarified that the County cannot require residency for employees.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.