

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** April 30, 2020

**PLACE:** Wood County Courthouse, Room 114 – Wisconsin Rapids (meeting also accessible via WebEx)

**PRESENT:** Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, and Laura Valenstein  
By WebEx--Tom Buttke and Jessica Vicente (joined meeting after agenda item 5)

**EXCUSED:** Heather Wellach RN, Steven Kulick MD

**ALSO PRESENT (for all or part of the meeting):** Brandon Vruwink, Jordon Bruce, Marissa Laher, Mary Solheim, Jo Timmerman, Mary Schlagenhaft (Human Services); Rock Larson (Veterans Service); Sue Kunferman, Kathy Alft (Health Department); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor); Lance Pliml (County Board Chair); Lisa Keller (IT) (Some of these attendees were in the room and others joined by WebEx)

**1) Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m. by County Board Chair Lance Pliml.

**2) Quorum**

Pliml declared a quorum.

**3) Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**

Pliml called for nominations for Committee Chair. Fischer nominated Rozar for chair. Motion (Fischer/Hokamp) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rozar as chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pliml called for nominations for Committee Vice-Chair. Rozar nominated Fischer for vice-chair. Motion (Buttke/Rozar) to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Fischer as vice-chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

**4) Public Comments**

- Introductions of Committee members and department representatives.
- Orientation manuals will be shared with new Committee members.

**5) Consent Agenda**

Health Department Communicable Disease report page 13 and Human Services narrative page 15 pulled from consent agenda. Motion (Fischer/Thao) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**6) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda**

- Health Department Communicable Disease report – Sue Kunferman responded to questions of where data comes from and how it is shared, Sue also described the Outbreaks/Other category data.
- Human Services narrative – Jo Timmerman responded to question about TBI take-back settlement. Motion (Hokamp/Fischer) to approve items pulled from the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**7) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services Community, Norwood Health Center Quarterly Reports – Veterans Service, Health Department**

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements and quarterly reports.

**8) Health Department COVID-19 update**

Sue Kunferman provided information on testing rates and results in Wood County. The National Guard is tentatively scheduled to provide testing May 8-9th in a drive-thru manner at the Highway Department. The Health Department will follow-up with contact tracing for those who test positive. The National Guard will contact those who test negative. Sue referred Committee members to page 4 in the packet which describes in more detail the work being done around COVID-19. Sue stated there has been work with regional partners to outline a gradual reopening plan in Wisconsin. That comprehensive plan will be shared with the Department of Health Services and Governor's office.

**9) Human Services discussion of ergonomic assessments and related expenses**

Brandon Vruwink shared that several staff have requested ergonomic assessments and how many of those assessments have resulted in new chairs or sit/stand desks for employees. The County Wellness Program

pays for the cost of the assessment, and departments are responsible for the cost associated with the ergonomic related equipment purchase. This agenda item is intended to inform the Committee of potential increase in unbudgeted expenses.

**10) Human Services Community Partnerships for Diversion from Youth Justice Grant update**

The Director's Report (pages 14-15 of the Human Services narrative) provides a detailed process of the Youth Diversion Grant application to the State of Wisconsin. Brandon Vruwink described the grant request and opportunities for working with the youth in our community. Brandon described the significance of the work identified as part of the grant application process. He noted the program should be considered for inclusion in the 2021 budget regardless of whether grant funding is received. Discussion was had regarding offering the program in both Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield.

**11) Human Services Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Brandon Vruwink explained the need to replace a transportation bus and funding mechanisms to purchase without tax levy. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to approve the CIP as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**12) Resolution to support pending legislation known as the "Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach Act" (CVSO Act)**

A copy of the resolution was shared in the packet. Rock Larson explained the CVSO Act authorizes the Federal Veterans Affairs Secretary to enter into contracts with States or to award grants to States to promote health and wellness, prevent suicide, and improve outreach to veterans. Motion (Buttke/Fischer) to support the resolution as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**13) Legislative Issue Updates**

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

**14) Items for Future Agenda**

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

**15) Next Meeting(s)**

- May 28, 2020, 5:00 pm, Wood County Courthouse 114, Wisconsin Rapids (meeting will also be accessible via WebEx)

**16) Adjourn**

Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.