

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: December 19, 2019

PLACE: Edgewater Haven, Administration Building, Conference Room 110 - Port Edwards

PRESENT: Donna Rozar, Adam Fischer, Jessica Vicente, Tom Buttke, Marion Hokamp, Al Breu, Heather Wellach RN, Steven Kulick MD (via phone)

EXCUSED: Mark Holbrook

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); Reuben Van Tassel (Maintenance); Bill Clendenning (County Board Supervisor); Ed Newton (Finance); plus two citizens

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chair.

2) Quorum

Rozar declared a quorum.

3) Public Comments

- Supervisor Clendenning expressed gratitude to Edgewater Haven for being asked to be Santa Claus at their Christmas party.

4) Consent Agenda

Human Services narrative page 15 pulled for discussion. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

5) Discussion and consideration of items removed from consent agenda

HUMAN SERVICES – The narrative described appreciation of HHSC support in making the Cornerstone relocation possible. A plaque was shared with Committee members commemorating the Cornerstone relocation. Motion (Breu/Fischer) to approve page 15 of the narrative. All ayes. Motion carried.

6) Financial Statements – Edgewater Haven, Human Services, Norwood Health Center

Department staff answered questions regarding information in the financial statements.

7) Human Services health insurance charges for vacant positions policy

Brandon Vruwink initiated discussions regarding vacant positions and impact on budgets with health insurance charges per FTE, specifically with long-term vacancies. Brandon shared a draft policy and potential savings that could be realized. The policy is intended to help bigger departments with significant numbers of long-term vacancies. Kim McGrath described the perspective from Human Resources with how the County budgets for health insurance. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to approve the policy as presented. Motion (Rozar/Buttke) to amend motion directing a discussion to Executive Committee. Vote on amendment (4 ayes, 3 opposed ... Fischer, Hokamp, Breu opposed). Amendment carried. Vote on amended motion to approve the policy and to direct discussion to Executive Committee. Fischer commented based on his understanding from Corporate Counsel, the motion goes into effect with or without Executive Committee support; but can be pulled at County Board for further discussion or action. 6 ayes, 1 opposed (Breu stated reason opposed is direction to Executive Committee). Amended motion carried.

8) Human Services resolution for creation of one (.97) FTE Economic Support Specialist position

Vruwink described the County consortium logistics and opportunity to hire an additional staff person with no tax-levy consequence. Motion (Buttke/Vicente) to create one (.97) FTE Economic Support Specialist position. All ayes. Motion carried.

9) Discussion of Jail Discharge Case Manager Position

Vruwink explained how the request for a Jail Discharge Case Manager position evolved. A grant application process is in the works to support this position. There is no request for hire currently. This agenda item is informational only. Sue Kunferman added how the Health Department will also be involved with this opportunity.

10) Resolution to amend the 2019 Veterans WDVA Grant Budget

Rock Larson explained reasons for variance of budgeted expenditures. Motion (Fischer/Buttke) to support the resolution as presented and forward to the Executive Committee for co-sponsorship and County Board for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

11) Health Department out-of-state travel request to attend the NWA Leadership Conference in Washington DC, March 15-17, 2020 with all expenses paid with grant funds

Conference details and learning objectives were shared in the Committee packet. Motion (Buttke/Vicente) to authorize attendance to the NWA Leadership Conference in Washington DC, with all expenses paid using grant funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

12) Update on Edgewater Haven 300 South Project

Reuben Van Tassel shared an update with the 300 South project schedule. Reuben described the breakdown on bidding and options to consider. Marissa Laher, Jordon Bruce, and Brandon Vruwink shared additional insight. Motion (Buttke/Heather) to expand the project from 8 to 12 beds. All ayes. Motion carried.

13) 2020 Committee Meeting Dates

There was no change to the list of meeting dates as presented.

14) Legislative Issue Updates

Department heads provided updates regarding issues pertaining to their departments.

15) Items for Future Agenda

The Chair noted items for future agendas.

16) Next Meeting(s)

- January 23, 2020, 5:00 pm, Wood County Annex & Health Center, Classroom – Marshfield

17) Adjourn

Rozar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kathy Alft and subject to Committee approval.