

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Monroe.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Kenneth Monroe; Vice Chair Kathy Ingersoll; Supervisors Brian Holt and Joseph H. Schaefer; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Penny Scheuerman, Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. Supervisor Ryan G. Simons was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Nancy Russell.

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred; Deputy Directors of HHS Carlo Nevicosi and Trista Piccola; Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom; and Human Resources Director Kate Bishop.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Vice Chair Ingersoll, the December 16, 2020 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period – There was none.

New Business

7a. Appointment of Acting Director – Health and Human Services/County Superintendent of Institutions and Notice of Intent to Proceed with Filling the Vacancy

County Administrator Mark W. Luberda referred to and briefly summarized his Memorandum (Page 6) regarding the appointment of Acting Director – Health & Human Services/County Superintendent of Institutions and Notice of Intent to Proceed with Filling the Vacancy. **Supervisor Schaefer offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to receive Administrator Luberda’s Memorandum and to place it on file.** Vice Chair Ingersoll thanked Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Elizabeth Aldred for her years of service and wished her well as she moves forward in her new position. She also wished Deputy Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi well with his new role as Acting Director. Nevicosi stated it is an honor that Administrator Luberda and the Health and Human Services Board has entrusted him to lead HHS and Lakeland Health Care Center (LHCC) during this transition and that he is excited for the opportunity to show the Board that he is capable of handling this role long term.

Motion carried 8-0.

7b. Resolution No. 65-02/21 – Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers
Nevicosi gave a brief overview of HHS Manager–Long Term Care Division Randy Kohl’s Memorandum and proposed Res. No. 65-02/21 – Supporting Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (Pages 7-12.) Nevicosi requested the Board’s support through a resolution asking State Legislature to adopt this particular funding proposal. Discussion then focused on the one vote in opposition of the proposed resolution by the Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board and whether or not the proposed resolution sufficiently corrects the current inequitable distribution of funding. Aldred noted whether the funding proposal goes through or not, Walworth County’s Aging and Disability Resource Center will remain in a positive position. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer to support and put forth proposed Res. No. 65-02/21. Motion carried 8-0.**

7c. Trempealeau County Resolution No. 2020-12-01 – Requesting the Wisconsin State Legislature to Convene a Special Session to Provide COVID-19 Direction for the State of Wisconsin

Nevicosi provided a brief overview of the Trempealeau County resolution and noted the similarities to a resolution recently put forth by Walworth County urging State Legislature and the Governor to provide leadership, financial support, and technical assistance for local public health departments. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Vice Chair Ingersoll, to place Trempealeau County Res. No. 2020-12-01 on file. Motion carried 8-0.**

7d. Jackson County Resolution No. 53-12-2020 – Request to Review Funding for Adult Protective Services (APS) Agencies and Increase Long Term Care Placement Locations within Wisconsin

Nevicosi briefly summarized the Jackson County resolution and explained how it relates to Walworth County's Adult Protective Services. Deputy Director, Trista Piccola offered to investigate whether the Wisconsin County Human Services Association was working on an analysis of the issue. **Supervisor Schaefer offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Wucherer, to place Jackson County Res. No. 53-12-2020 on file. Motion carried 8-0.**

Report(s)

8a) Holiday Care Report

Nevicosi announced the Holiday Care “Day of Giving” was a success this year and provided an update relative to the details of the program. Citizen Representative Scheuerman commended those involved in the program for their efforts and creativity.

8b) COVID-19 Update

Deputy Directors of HHS Carlo Nevicosi and Trista Piccola along with Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom collaboratively provided an update regarding COVID-19. Refer to Pages 21-23 for further information. Discussion then focused on the number of sites that will be providing vaccinations to Walworth County residents; the pre-registration process through Aurora Lakeland Medical Center, MHS-Mercy Hospital, and Walworth County websites; ways in which HHS staff will assist individuals to register and set up appointments; and tempering public expectation relative to vaccine supply and the speed at which the population will actually be inoculated.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – There were none.

On behalf of the HHS Board and the County Board, Chair Monroe expressed appreciation and wished Elizabeth Aldred success in her new endeavors.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Citizen Representative Wucherer, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.