

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 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, Joseph H. Schaefer, and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Penny Scheuerman, and William Wucherer. Dr. Richard Terry was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberdia; Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlo Nevicosi; and Deputy Director of HHS Trista Piccola.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Simons, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Simons, the January 19, 2022 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period – There was none.

New Business

7a) Consumer Housing Pilot Proposal

Deputy Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Trista Piccola explained that HHS is pursuing a temporary housing pilot offering consumers in need some relief to various housing challenges. The plan is to pilot a small project with one landlord and two housing units where the landlord provides the units and customary property management, while HHS supports funding for the housing and provides supportive services to the tenant(s). Piccola noted this interim housing will provide the time, safety, and stability needed until permanent housing can be obtained. Refer to Page 5 of the packet for further information. Discussion then focused on:

- The number of individuals requesting assistance with obtaining stable housing.
- Identifying the barriers standing in the way of family reunification.
- Obtaining an ambassador who understands and is willing to work with various types of housing issues.
- Learning to grow through any mistakes, challenges, and then move forward.
- The Pilot is to last through the end of the year.
- HHS will utilize existing funding streams. For example, Targeted Safety Services Funding (TSSF) in the Children and Families Division currently supports temporary housing solutions as part of the criteria for their funding.

7b) Applying for Funding to Cover Residential Treatment Room and Board Costs for Medicaid Members with an Opioid Use Disorder

Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi gave a brief overview of his Memorandum (Page 6) and requested permission to make application for \$12,000 in funding to cover residential treatment room and board costs for Medicaid members with an opioid use disorder. He noted the grant has no match and is based on the county's request for funds. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Scheuerman, granting authorization to make application. Motion carried 8-0.**

Report(s)

8a) Update on Chapter 980 Sexually Violent Persons

Nevicosi announced that the Walworth County Committee on Housing Sexually Violent Persons (HSVP) has identified a suitable residence for Mr. Teifke. Discussion then focused on:

- Commending the HSVP Committee, Walworth County Detective Kirk Dodge, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Supervisor/Land Information Officer (LIO) Dale Drayna, County Administrator Mark W. Luberda, and HHS Board members for their efforts and understanding as to the urgency of obtaining a residence for Mr. Teifke.
- Details related to the rental lease, payments, and approximate occupancy date.
- Monitoring the status of other Walworth County residents committed under Chapter 980, but not-yet-ordered for supervised release.
- Exploration of long-term feasibility of constructing or placing a dwelling on county property in preparation for future supervised release orders.
- Whether or not it is in the County's best interest to maintain a home that no one is living in for an undetermined amount of time.
- Lack of assistance from the State of Wisconsin relative to Chapter 980, which has become problematic for all 72 counties.
- The need for Walworth County to control their own destination, as a result of the late notification of Teifke's release.
- Potentially working with other counties and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) asking legislation to change the state statute or at the minimum changing the 120 day notice piece of the statute to when an individual petitions for release.

8b) Resolution No. *-03/22 Accepting Mobilizing Communities for a Just Response Health Strategy 4.1 and Disparities Grant in Wisconsin Funding

Nevicosi briefly explained the purpose for the proposed resolution and requested authorization to accept the amount of \$49,700 in grant funding to help with the planning and design of health strategies to combat disparities in the community. The proposed resolution will be presented at the Finance Committee on Thursday. **Supervisor Simons offered a motion, second by Supervisors Schaefer, granting authorization to accept the funding. Motion carried 8-0.**

8c) Hope Squad Training

Piccola noted training for new Hope Squad advisors being lead by Hope Squad Master Trainings will take place on March 10, 11, and 14 at HHS. The program is also offering a half-day training option for school administrators and board members. Those planning to attend are to contact HHS for scheduling to help eliminate any potential quorums. Currently, there are 20 schools participating in the program with approximately 50 new advisors being trained during these sessions.

8d) COVID-19 Update

Piccola provided a comprehensive COVID-19 update addressing disease trends, testing, and vaccines. She noted Walworth County has seen a rapid decline in case rates from over 2,000 cases down to approximately 200. HHS continues to focus primarily on outbreak mitigation, vaccination, and guidance to those who require it.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – There were none.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Simons, second by Supervisor Holt, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Patricia Sommers, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Health and Human Services Board at the March 16, 2022 meeting.