

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 19, 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, Joseph H. Schaefer, and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los (arrived via telephone at 2:01 p.m.), Penny Scheuerman, Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Board Supervisors: Nancy Russell.

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Acting Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlo Nevicosi; Deputy Director of HHS Trista Piccola; Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom; Long Term Care Manager Randy Kohl; Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Supervisor Kara Coates; ADRC Governing Board Member Laura Berg; and Mobility Manager Gene Bobier.

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 April 28, 2021 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period – There was none.

New Business

7a. HS009 – GWAAR Additional Funding for Senior Meals Program

Acting Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlo Nevicosi gave a brief overview of how the GWAAR Consolidated Appropriations Act Grant funding would be utilized and requested permission to make application. Walworth County is eligible for \$52,638 with no additional match and this is a one-time funding opportunity. **Citizen Representative Scheuerman offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve HS009-GWAAR Additional Funding for Senior Meals Program. Motion carried 9-0.**

7b. Adult Protective Services COVID Grant Application Approval

Nevicosi stated on April 30th, the Health and Human Services Long Term Care Division received preliminary approval from County Administrator Mark W. Luberda to make application for the Adult Protective Services (APS) COVID Grant and requested permission to further pursue this one-time funding opportunity. Walworth County is eligible for \$19,527 with no additional match.

Citizen Representative Scheuerman offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve the Adult Protective Services COVID Grant. Long Term Care Manager Randy Kohl explained that any unused funds would roll over into 2022. **Motion carried 9-0.**

7c. Approval to remove Wisconsin Heat Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) from the pre-approved grants list

Nevicosi announced that HHS does not intend to continue acceptance of the Wisconsin Heat Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) funding and requested permission to have it removed from the pre-approved grants list. He stated the fiscal impact is small relative to the amount of time spent administratively on this grant between HHS, Finance and Purchasing. HHS will continue to refer consumers to Energy Services, Inc. (ESI) for these services. This item will also be discussed at the Finance Committee. Nevicosi noted this should not affect the service recipient, as they will continue

to access the service with the same vendor and in the same manner. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to remove the Wisconsin Heat Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) from the pre-approved grants list. Motion carried 9-0.**

Report(s)

8a) Long Term Care Presentation

Long Term Care Manager Randy Kohl, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Supervisor Kara Coates, and ADRC Governing Board Member Laura Berg provided a presentation entitled Walworth County Health and Human Services Long Term Care Division found on Pages 7-10 of the packet. Discussion then focused on the following:

- Whether or not available resources and staff are adequate at this time. Kohl noted that during the budgeting process for 2022 the Long Term Care Division anticipates requesting the increase of one Adult Protective Services part-time position to full-time.
- The “screened in” versus “screened out” process relative to Adult Protective Services.
- The quality of meals offered by the Sustainable Kitchen and how meal consumers will call in their order and choice of entre the day prior to their reservation for either the congregate setting or take out delivery service.

8b) Moraine Lakes Consortium Performance Update

Nevicosi provided an update relative to how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected economic support program practices and participation thus far. Refer to Pages 11-12 of the packet for more information. Discussion then focused on adequately addressing questions being presented to the Moraine Lakes Call Center rather than focusing on speed and average talk time. Nevicosi stated he will attempt to collect data relative to customer service for the next economic support update.

8c) COVID-19 Update

Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom gave a brief overview of the May COVID-19 Update found on Pages 13-15. Nevicosi noted HHS and the Public Health Division are seeking to introduce a mobile vaccination clinic that will allow travel to a specific community, apartment complex, school, and large events throughout Walworth County. Administrator Luberda spoke in favor of moving forward with a mobile service and announced that a special board meeting may be required prior to the June County Board meeting.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – Administrator Luberda introduced Gene Bobier as the new Mobility Manager for Walworth County.

Confirmation of Next Meeting – The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Simons, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.