

Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

Chair Kenneth Monroe called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present: Chair Kenneth Monroe; Vice-Chair Kathy Ingersoll; Supervisors Brian Holt (Remote), Joseph H. Schaefer, and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los (Remote), Judy Atkinson, Dr. Christopher Tanner (Remote) and William Wucherer (Remote). A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Staff: Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Director-Health and Human Services (HHS)/Superintendent of County Institutions Carlo Nevicosi; Deputy Director-HHS Trista Piccola; Economic Support Supervisors Mia Anderson-Inman and Barb Popera; Public Health Supervisors Mallory Swanson and Public Health Specialist Patty Stritesky.

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

On motion by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, second by Supervisor Simons, the May 17, 2023 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

7a. Resolution No. **-07/23 Authorizing the Accepting of State Child Welfare – Temporary Funding Pool for Sex Trafficking Out of Home Care Placement Funding and Authorizing the Addition to Previously Established Pre-Approved Recurring Grants List

Director-Health and Human Services (HHS)/Superintendent of County Institutions Carlo Nevicosi discussed the Resolution. Nevicosi indicated the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) has been reimbursing counties for out of home care costs for children who have been sex trafficked at some time in their life. This resolution also appeared on the Finance Committee Agenda, and is included here for discussion. Walworth County is eligible to accept funding for costs incurred in 2022, and has incurred allowable costs in 2023. HHS is seeking authorization to establish a 2023 revenue and budget; and add this grant to the pre-approved recurring grants list.

Supervisor Simons offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve Resolution No. **-07/23 Authorizing the Accepting of State Child Welfare – Temporary Funding Pool for Sex Trafficking Out of Home Care Placement Funding and Authorizing the Addition to Previously Established Pre-Approved Recurring Grants List. Motion carried 9-0.

7b. First Quarter Write Offs

Nevicosi discussed the first quarter Write Offs on Pages 9-10 of the packet. Nevicosi stated all write offs under our control are all projected to be at or below 2022 levels. Nevicosi indicated the collection revenues are running high.

Vice-Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Supervisor Simons, to approve the First Quarter Write Offs Report. Motion carried 9-0.

7c. Private Water Sampling Program

Public Health Supervisor Mallory Swanson referred to and discussed the Memorandum on Pages 11 and 12 of the packet. Swanson stated Walworth County's Environmental Health staff have conducted a private water sampling program for the past eight years. The program's purpose is to identify areas in the county that have high levels of groundwater contaminants. Locations targeted this year for private well water sampling are LaGrange and Troy townships, Sharon, Walworth, and Town of Darien/Delavan townships. Residents of these locations can purchase a test kit to conduct the

sampling themselves or contact Walworth County Public Health for in-home sampling conducted by our staff. Dates for in-home sampling and to pick up and drop off test kits were listed on the memorandum for each location.

7d. Connect to Wellness (pages 13-15)

Public Health Supervisor Mallory Swanson and Public Health Specialist Patty Stritesky referenced and gave an overview of the Memorandum regarding the program, "Connect to Wellness." Stritesky informed the committee Connect to Wellness offers an opportunity to provide education on chronic disease prevention. She stated the focus of the Connect to Wellness program is Walworth County's leading causes of death; which are cancer and heart disease. This program focuses on small to mid-size local businesses to work with local health departments and employers to assist in educating their employees. Stritesky stated the public health department's role is to connect businesses to the Connect to Wellness program, and work with them to kick start the program in their place of business. The public health department generates a report and makes recommendations. Then the business implements the priorities they wish to focus on. The businesses will have access to a Connect to Wellness toolkit with additional resources and follow-up services with the Walworth County Public Health Department. The health department is looking to recruit businesses and have a flyer to distribute to local chambers and local connections.

Nevicosi stated the program is provided at no cost to Walworth County or the community businesses. Nevicosi reiterated the health department would like to start recruiting businesses, and are looking for the board's support to move forward with the program. Discussion ensued on the size of businesses, the process working with the businesses, trainings, flyers, and promotional material for the businesses, recruitment, and other services the Walworth County Public Health Department provides. Deputy Director-HHS Trista Piccola suggested that the use of the Health Hub may be beneficial to this program.

Supervisor Simons offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Dr. Tanner, to move forward with the Connect to Wellness program. Motion carried 9-0.

Reports

8a. Economic Support Presentation

Economic Support Supervisors Mia Anderson-Inman and Barb Popera provided the presentation entitled: Economic Support Services on Pages 16-20 of the packet highlighting:

- Caseload Comparison: Pre and Post Pandemic
- Key Performance Indicators
- Hot Desk Model benefits
- COVID Unwinding Updates
- Federal and State Impacts to Walworth County Program

8b. Stigma Reduction Campaign follow-up

Piccola discussed the Stigma Reduction Campaign follow-up and referred to the Memorandum on Pages 21-23 of the packet. The memorandum serves as a refresher and to get a team together to concentrate on encouraging community effort on expanding understanding identified health issues. This effort involves reducing stigma around mental health and substance care. Piccola indicated opioid settlement funding and other funding budgeted would assist in this sustained effort. Piccola referred to research and efforts to make the campaign Walworth County specific; and creating an outline to present to the vendor. HHS worked with the Walworth County Purchasing Department with two marketing vendors, and chose KW2 who matched Walworth County's goals for the campaign. Piccola stated we will be working with KW2 throughout the different stages of this sustained campaign.

8c. Health Hub Update

Piccola provided an update on past and future events utilizing the mobile health clinic. Events in June included, “Ask a Doc” services, and the Dairy Breakfast.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements – There were none.

Upcoming Events – There was none.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Supervisor Simons, and Vice-Chair Ingersoll, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Submitted by Kathleen Aukland, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Health and Human Services Board at the July 19, 2023 meeting.