

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2022
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, 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 at 2:03 p.m.), Penny Scheuerman, Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. 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; Crisis Intervention Supervisor Denise Millet; Community Crisis Liaison Supervisor Sonia Hill; Behavioral Health Manager Amy Hart; and Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom.

Members of the Public: Open Arms Free Clinic Executive Director Sara Nichols; City of Whitewater Deputy Police Chief Dan Meyer; and City of Delavan Deputy Police Chief Jim Bilskey.

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

On motion by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, second by Supervisor Holt, the June 22, 2022 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

7a. Reconsideration of Motion Applying for Department of Youth Justice Innovation Grant
Director-Health and Human Services (HHS)/Superintendent of County Institutions Carlo Nevicosi reiterated that last month's motion to proceed with application allowed for a revote should the presented plan not meet the Board's approval. Luberda advised the Board of the procedure relative to reconsidering a motion. **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, to reconsider Applying for the Department of Youth Justice Innovation Grant. Motion carried 9-0.** Luberda further advised that the motion from June is on the floor for discussion and will require a vote by the Board. **Supervisor Simons offered a motion, second by Vice-Chair Ingersoll, to proceed with the grant application and requested that this item be included on the July agenda.** Nevicosi proceeded to detail the plan with some discussion and no rejections. **Motion carried 9-0.**

7b. Public Health – Transition from Level II to Level III Health Department
Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom explained that Public Health is due for a Department of Health Services 140 Review which is an accreditation ensuring statutory requirements are being met as a health department. The review will occur in August and as a part of the process Walworth County has the opportunity to move from a level 2 to a level 3 health department. Bergstrom explained the increase will result in a minimal increase on base grant contracts, and recognizes Walworth County Public Health is operating at the highest level in Wisconsin. Citizen Representative William Wucherer inquired as to whether the Health and Human Services Board had previously endorsed an increase in the level of health department. Discussion ensued. County Administrator Mark W. Luberda advised a step may have been overlooked relative to Board approval in seeking this increase. He stated in conjunction with Nevicosi they will determine whether a special meeting is necessary, or if the next meeting of the Board will fit in the timeline to allow for approval.

7c. Res. No. **-08/22 Authorizing the Reclassification of a Vacant 1.00 FTE Crisis Intervention Lead Worker Position to a 1.00 FTE APS/Court Services Lead Worker at Health & Human Services
Nevicosi referenced his Memorandum included on Page 8 of the packet; detailing particulars in support of this change in position. **Vice-Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Scheuerman, to approve the resolution Authorizing the Reclassification of a Vacant 1.00 FTE Crisis Intervention Lead Worker Position to a 1.00 FTE APS/Court Services Lead Worker at Health & Human Services. Motion carried 9-0.**

7d. Inclusive Birth to Three Child Care Project

Nevicosi announced that the Department of Children and Families was awarded \$2,000 and HHS Board approval is necessary to accept the funds. **Vice-Chair Ingersoll offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to approve accepting the Inclusive Birth to Three Child Care Project Funding. Motion carried 9-0.**

Reports

8a. Behavioral Health Division Presentation

Behavioral Health Manager Amy Hart, Community Crisis Liaison Supervisor Sonja Hill, and Crisis Intervention Supervisor Denise Millet collaboratively presented: WCDHHS Behavior Health Division included in the packet (Pages 13-18); with City of Whitewater Police Department Assistant Chief Dan Meyer and City of Delavan Police Department Assistant Chief Jim Bilskey providing details relative to the Embedded Crisis Liaison Program and how successful the partnership has been in its first year. Discussion ensued relative to adding embedded crisis liaisons into the other incorporated municipalities throughout Walworth County.

8a. Health Hub Update

Piccola referenced Nevicosi's memorandum included in the packet (pages 19-20); highlighting the launch of the pilot project with Open Arms Free Clinic. Open Arms Free Clinic Executive Director Sara Nichols briefly outlined the success accomplished through partnering with HHS to run mobilized clinics out of the Health Hub.

8b. Housing Pilot Update

Piccola shared that HHS began working with a local landlord to develop temporary housing solutions. Two units were launched in early March and both were occupied within days.

8c. Update on Community Health Assessment

Bergstrom played the Walworth County Community Health Assessment video; stating she will provide a more in depth account of the assessment in September.

8d. COVID-19 Update

Bergstrom summarized Nevicosi's Memorandum included on Page 41 of the packet; detailing:

- Key Updates
- Testing
- Vaccine

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, September 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Supervisor Holt and Vice-Chair Ingersoll, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.