

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Health and Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 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, Joseph H. Schaefer, and Ryan G. Simons; Citizen Representatives Monica Los, Penny Scheuerman, Dr. Richard Terry, and William Wucherer. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance:

County Staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter; Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Carlo Nevicosi; Deputy Director of HHS Trista Piccola; Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom; Human Services Manager-Long Term Care Randy Kohl; Children and Families Division Manager Lisa Broll; Early Childhood Health Supervisor Caitlin Bagshaw; and Finance Director Jessica Conley.

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

Citizen Representative Wucherer offered one amendment to the September 22, 2021 Health and Human Services (HHS) Board meeting minutes: 1) Page 1, New Business, Item 7a) Hope Squad, third line from the bottom, replace the word “infinite” with “infancy”. Director of HHS Carlo Nevicosi agreed with the amendment. **On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Simons, the September 22, 2021 Health and Human Services Board meeting minutes were approved as amended. Motion carried 9-0.**

Public Comment Period – There was none.

New Business

7a) Community Placement for Sexually Violent Persons

Nevicosi referred to his Memorandum (Pages 6-9) and gave a brief overview of Chapter 980 of the Wisconsin Statutes and subsequent changes that shifted the burden of determining appropriate housing for sexually violent persons from the state to the counties. He then provided details of recent meetings of the Walworth County Committee on Housing Sexually Violent Persons (HSVP) relative to an individual that has successfully petitioned for release.

Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Michael Cotter provided a synopsis of the options available and difficulties the HSVP Committee is experiencing with attempting to place a sexually violent person who also has a mental disorder within the 120-day requirement. Walworth County received a thirty-day extension to provide housing for this individual or face up to a \$1,000 fine per day. Cotter noted there are potentially nine other individuals that may be released from incarceration in the not so near future. He stated other Wisconsin counties are experiencing the same difficulties. The HSVP Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss this matter further.

Discussion then focused on potential housing opportunities and whether or not the burden of determining appropriate housing could be shifted back to the State.

7b) Resolution No. **-11/21 Accepting a \$10,000 Donation from ABATE of Wisconsin to Support the Holiday Care Program

Nevicosi briefly explained the purpose for the proposed resolution and requested authorization to accept the \$10,000 donation from A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE). **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to approve acceptance of a \$10,000 donation from ABATE of Wisconsin. Motion carried 9-0.**

7c) Discussion on Potential Budget Amendments for the 2022 Preliminary Budget Related to Newly Awarded HHS Grants and American Rescue Plan Act Funds

7d) Resolution No. **-11/21 Accepting Public Health Consolidated Contract COVID-19 Vaccine Administration and Education Funding

7e) Resolution No. **-11/21 Accepting CDC Workforce Development and Public Health American Rescue Plan Funding

Nevicosi chose to explain Items 7c, 7d, and 7e (Pages 12-21) simultaneously, since they are closely related. Nevicosi, Finance Director Jessica Conley, and County Administrator Mark W. Luberda collaboratively explained potential budget amendments for the 2022 Preliminary Budget related to newly awarded HHS Grants and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Four Preliminary Budget Amendments were distributed for review prior to the meeting.

- CDC Workforce Development
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Funding (ELC)
- Public Health ARPA Funding
- COVID-19 Vaccination Administration and Education Funding

Discussion then focused on the four Preliminary Budget Amendment proposals that would free up some ARPA money and incorporate potential grant funding prior to final approval of the 2022 Budget. Nevicosi requested the Board's support and recommendation to place these amounts into the 2022 Budget. **Citizen Representative Wucherer offered a motion, second by Supervisor Holt, to accept the new Public Health funding as outlined in today's Agenda: 1) COVID-19 Vaccine Administration and Education Grant; 2) Public Health ARPA Funding; and 3) CDC Workforce Development Grant; along with the four Preliminary Budget Amendments. Motion carried 9-0.**

7f) Ordinance No. ****-11/21 Continuing Limited-Term, Human Resources-Related Special Authority to Enable Continued Response to and Management of Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Extending Certain Authorization as Previously Approved

Luberda referred to and briefly explained the purpose for his Memorandum and proposed ordinance found on Pages 22-26 of the packet. Luberda requested approval to initiate the proposed changes to Chapter 15-11 in order to accommodate considerations for 2022. **Supervisor Simons offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Wucherer, to accept the proposed ordinance through July 31, 2022 and for Luberda to continue providing updates to the Board. Motion carried 9-0.**

Report(s)

8a) Presentation of the 2022-2024 Aging Plan

Human Services Manager-Long Term Care Randy Kohl presented the "2022-2024 Walworth County Aging Plan" (Pages 27-136) and requested the Board's approval. Discussion then focused:

- Payment and potential reimbursement of payment to caregivers.
- The likeliness of moving toward an online platform for a more social interaction that may potentially include virtual activities. Supervisor Holt suggested offering an introduction to technology.
- Perpetual transportation service issues within Walworth County and providing resource materials to help educate the community as to transportation options available.
- The request for a self-evaluation of the 2022 goals that is to be shared with the Board during the annual report in or around June.

- The request for a quantitative measurement relative to the goal(s), either a percentage or a basic number indicating where you are currently and the ultimate goal you are trying to achieve.

Citizen Representative Scheuerman offered a motion, second by Supervisor Schaefer, to accept the 2022-2024 Aging Plan presentation. Motion carried 9-0.

8b) Closure of the OCR HIPPA Breach Investigation

Nevicosi gave a brief overview of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) HIPPA Breach Investigation. HHS has taken the appropriate voluntary corrective action and the matter has been closed without any further action. **Supervisor Schaefer offered a motion, second by Citizen Representative Wucherer, to accept the report. Motion carried 9-0.**

8c) Children Services Division Presentation

Children and Families Division Manager Lisa Broll and Early Childhood Health Supervisor Caitlin Bagshaw provided a presentation entitled “Children and Families Division” (Pages 140-145.) Discussion then focused on:

- The Division’s decision to conduct a root cause analysis, which is a self-evaluation and self-correction method, to help improve their outcomes.
- The daily rate increase of a single high cost placement youth in corrections from \$640/day to \$1,100/day effective July 1st through the remainder of 2021, which has created an unforeseen budget shortfall.
- Targeted Safety Services Funding (TSSF) and anticipated reimbursement of \$138,009.
- Supervisor Holt stated he heard a presentation by the Career Academy, as one of the cohorts, and noted their positive outcome with a record enrolment.

8d) COVID-19 Update

Public Health Officer Erica Bergstrom provided a comprehensive COVID update addressing testing, vaccines, communication with schools, and after action review improvements.

Correspondence – There was none.

Announcements

10a) Recognizing Jean Bestul’s 48 Years of County Service

Nevicosi recognized Jean Bestul for her many years of service and dedication. He concluded by congratulating Bestul on her retirement. Bestul expressed her gratitude and thanked everyone who helped her throughout the years.

10b) Recognizing Public Health’s 100th Year Anniversary

Nevicosi referred to and provided a summation of his Memorandum (Pages 153-155) Recognizing Public Health’s 100th Year Anniversary. Nevicosi expressed gratitude to all the community partners and thanked Public Health for the many years of dedication.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Simons, second by Supervisor Holt, Chair Monroe adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.