

**Marathon County Social Services Board Minutes  
Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Julie Bollmann	✓	
Allen Drabek	✓	
Kody Hart	✓	
Christy Keele	✓	
Yee Leng Xiong		✓

Julie Bollmann attended the meeting via WebEx. Supervisor Drabek, Supervisor Hart, and Christy Keele attended the meeting in person.

**Staff Present:** Vicki Tylka and Coleen Krasowski

1. Board Chair Christy Keele called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions – Stacey Morache attended by telephone.
3. Public Comment – There was no public comment.
4. Approval of the August 17, 2022, meeting minutes

**DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 17, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED FOUR IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Educational Presentations – There were no educational presentations.
6. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
  - A. Alternative Model to Shelter Facility – repurposing levy for community-based services: Vicki Tylka presented to the board on this initiative which is one that will help us prepare for the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). Vicki first provided a brief overview of FFPSA. Less out of home care days/costs are the goals of FFPSA. There will be less federal money to pay for out of home care, and out of home care costs are significantly rising. If substantial out of home care cost changes are not made with alternative programming, county levy will be required to subsidize out of home costs.

Bollmann left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The Marathon County Youth Shelter closed because the sheriff's department was unable to staff it. The sheriff's department is working to get the secure detention facility reopened. The youth shelter served youth justice children, and the shelter was a less strict environment than secure. No other Wisconsin sheriff's office runs a youth shelter. The proposal is to increase community-based services to youth as an alternative to the residential shelter. It would reduce cost by

45 percent – levy. Levy amount of \$322,925 would be repurposed for the alternative model, including limited shelter use, effective January 2023. Vicki answered board members questions about the proposal.

**HART MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MARATHON COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER MODEL ALTERNATIVE AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED THREE IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. Presentation of the revised Family Keys grant opportunity: Vicki shared with the board that the Department of Children and Families (DCF) reached out after the original Family Keys proposal received a majority vote from the county board but not the required super majority vote to move forward. DCF requested that Marathon County remain in the Family Keys initiative and propose an alternative plan for Phase 1 grant. Vicki provided a brief overview of Family Keys which is a collaboration of communities, counties, and the state focused on supporting child welfare-engaged families experiencing housing instability. Revised Phase 1 would begin in January 2023. This is a 100 percent federally funded program providing a \$327,000 grant with one-time funds to assist states in preparing for FFPSA. Vicki reviewed with the board how the revised proposal addresses the main concerns voiced by county board members about the original proposal: congregate living, risk to the county, and duration of the program.

Board members asked if we have lost any opportunities since the original Family Keys proposal did not receive the required super majority vote. The lost opportunity was to serve families between August and December 2022. The full grant funding of \$327,000 for a two-year period is still available, so that has not been lost.

Board Chair Keele commended Vicki on being forward thinking in bringing forth this revised proposal.

**HART MOVED, DRABEK SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE REVISED FAMILY KEYS PLAN AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED THREE IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- C. Review and Approval of the 2023 Social Services Department budget: Coleen Krasowski, financial services supervisor, presented the proposed 2023 budget to the board. The proposed 2023 budget levy reduction without the Sheriff's Office levy transfer is 2.3 percent from 2022.

Vicki and Coleen answered board members' questions.

Board Chair Keele acknowledged that Coleen did a great job, and she appreciated the summary document as presented.

**DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE 2023 SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE REVEALED THREE IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Announcements and possible items for next agenda: Vicki shared that the annual Child Support outcomes report will be on an upcoming agenda. Vicki also discussed with the board that it will not be necessary to have both an October and November board meeting. The board members present agreed to cancel the October 19, 2022, meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items to be discussed **DRABEK MOVED, HART SECONDED, TO ADJOURN MEETING. VOICE VOTE REVEALED THREE IN FAVOR AND ZERO OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.