



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA WITH MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Committee Members:

Michelle Van Krey	Present
Jennifer Aarrestad	Present
Ron Covelli	Present
Dennis Gonnering	WebEx
Donna Krause	Present
Alyson Leahy	Present
Bobby Niemeyer	Present

Staff Present: Laura Scudiere, Vicki Tylka, Christa Jensen, Lance Leonhard, Kim Trueblood, Mort McBain

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approval of the May 4 Health & Human Services Committee meeting minutes.

Motion by Leahy, second by Gonnering to approve the minutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote, unanimously.

5. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination: None

6. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: None

7. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Potential updates to the [2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan](#)

Vice Chair McEwen explained the basics of the Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Plan and the differences between the two documents – the Strategic Plan is more short-term, and the Comprehensive Plan is more long-term. He stated that he would like to see the Strategic Plan updated rather than scrapped. The three questions listed on the agenda will be asked of all the standing committees and input collected. Administrator Leonhard provided some guidance as to how to go about identifying priorities for updates. Questions were asked and answered.

B. Presentation on Foster Parents in Marathon County

Vicki Tylka and Christa Jensen from Social Services spoke about the importance of foster parents and the overall goal of foster care, which is to re-unite the child with the biological parents. Some statistics and detailed information regarding foster care in Marathon County were provided. The department is actively recruiting licensed foster parents in the community. Vicki requested that the committee show appreciation for the Ohrt Family, a foster family who goes above and beyond to care for children in Marathon County. Questions were asked and answered.

C. NCHC Introduction – Mort McBain

North Central Health Care interim executive director talked about how the mission of NCHC relates to the Strategic Plan and the HHS Committee. He gave an overview of the facilities and programs available. Mr. McBain had a booklet which he gave to the committee outlining many of the options available to the community through NCHC. Questions were asked and answered.

8. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion.

B. Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Aarrestad, Second by Covelli to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk