



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING AMENDED AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: WebEx/ Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Committee Members: Michelle Van Krey, Chair; Jennifer Aarrestad, Vice-chair; Ron Covelli, Dennis Gonnering, Donna Krause, Alyson Leahy, Bobby Niemeyer

Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)

Committee Mission Statement: Provide leadership for the implementation of the strategic plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to health and human services initiatives of Marathon County.

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- 1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment (15 Minutes)
4. Approval of the June 1, 2022, Health & Human Services Committee meeting minutes.
5. Policy Issues Discussion and Possible Action:
A. Recommendations to Executive Committee for updates to the strategies, objectives, and expected outcomes found in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan
B. Consideration to Recommend to HR, Finance, & Property Committee to amend the 2022 Annual Budget to Accept Grant Funds for the Family Keys Pilot Project
6. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: None
7. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:
A. Update on Marathon County's participation in Project Grow Childcare grant program through state of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
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, August 3, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
9. Adjournment

\*Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting

SIGNED /s/ Michelle. Van Krey
Presiding Officer or Designee

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## 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

Marathon County  
Mandate Overview

# Child Protective Services June 2022



# Child Welfare – Legal Mandates

## 1. Chapter 48, Wisconsin Statutes

- This chapter may be cited as “The Children’s Code”. In construing this chapter, the best interests of the child or unborn child shall always be of paramount consideration.
- From child maltreatment reports, court jurisdiction, in home services and out of home placements to permanence for children.

## 2. Funding partnership – Children Families Allocation (state and federal funding)

- Services cannot be denied due to lack of funding



# Child Maltreatment Reports

- Mandatory reporters, i.e. teachers, medical personnel, law enforcement, therapists
- Community reporters
- Types of Abuse and Neglect:
  - Physical Abuse
  - Sexual Abuse
  - Neglect
    - Number of maltreatment reports in 2021 = 1,592
      - 516 cases screened in, meaning we are required to assess



# Physical Abuse 48.13 (3)

- Physical injury inflicted on a child by anything other than accidental means
- Physical injury – includes but is not limited to lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising, or great bodily harm.
- Abuse to an Unborn Child: serious physical harm or risk of serious harm when child is born caused by habitual use by mother of alcohol, controlled substances to a severe degree

# Sexual Abuse 48.02(1)(b)

- Sexual Contact or Intercourse
- Sexual Exploitation (filming, photos)
- Forced Viewing of or Listening to Sexual Activity
- Prostitution of a child (permitting, allowing, or encouraging a child to prostitute him/herself)
- Exposure of Genitals (to a child or causing a child to expose his/her genitals)

# Neglect 48.13 (10)

- Whose parent, guardian or legal custodian neglects, refuses or is unable for reasons other than overtly to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care, or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child.
- “seriously endangers the physical health” if the failure to provide creates a substantial risk that the child will be seriously harmed or injured.



# Our mandated response must include:

- Screen in or out the maltreatment reports
- Respond to screened in child maltreatment reports
  - Based on level of danger present in report
    - Immediate, 2 day, and 5-day response
- If the child is determined to be unsafe, the child welfare agency must respond to ensure safety.
- Federal and state laws require in home efforts first, unless safety cannot be assured
- For out of home cases, plans to return home must be initiated immediately

# Out of Home Placements

- Relative, foster care, group home, residential treatment
- 2022 budget for out of home care:
  - \$5, 317, 786
  - 60% state/federal
  - 40% county levy



# How we receive funding has changed

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The Family First Prevention Services Act was signed into law as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018.

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Less funding for counties for out of home care placements, more for prevention

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Child Welfare agencies need to create new ways to provide services in home, and lessen out of home care days



# Family First Prevention Services Act



- System Change is underway
  - Long term projects and one-time opportunities
  - Department of Children and Families
  - Marathon County Department of Social Services

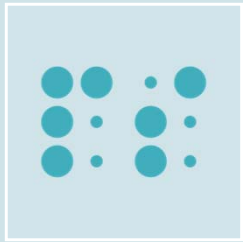
Marathon County Child Welfare  
Housing Collaborative and  
Demonstration Project

# Family Keys

- Overview Presentation  
June 2022



# Basic Needs Support



10% of children are removed from their homes due to unsafe and inadequate housing and no other viable options



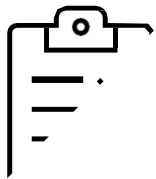
Our Vision of Success:

Adequate and safe housing is available to all families, so that lack of such is never a barrier to parents being able to care for their children.

# Goals and Outcomes of Family Keys

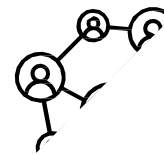
- **Collaborative and participatory:** Department of Children and Families facilitated, but county-led and co-designed so that we meet the most relevant local needs
- **Flexible and iterative:** early release of funds, shared structure but with local differences in implementation
- **At the intersection of child welfare & housing:** Helping families stay together when housing is a key barrier, and they are engaged with Child Protective Services/Child Welfare
- **Resulting in a proof of concept** for how to address housing at the intersection of child welfare (keeping families together)

# Who is Involved



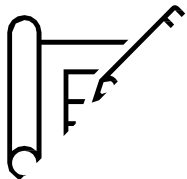
## County Teams

Understand local needs and collaborate on vetting and day-to-day implementation of program. Document and monitor progress.



## Department of Children and Families Team + Liaisons

Facilitate overall progress, support county teams in project execution, create connections across counties



## Root

Umbrella project management for DCF team, facilitate co-design sessions involving county team, lead in the creation of communications plans.



## Casey Family Programs

Act as a project partner in highlighting resources, expertise and shared connections.



# Family Keys Overview

- Project Design and Long - Term Demonstration
- Successes and Failures – consideration for replication of what works across the state
- Short Term – Marathon County
  - Transitional Housing for Child Welfare Families
  - \$327, 100 grant – 2-year grant
    - Rent, utilities, furnishings
    - Case management position is key to help families locate more permanent housing
    - **Families gain experience in successful tenancy**
    - Target date of August 2022

# Our Partners

## Team:

- Brian Gumness, B A and Esther Greenheck Foundation
- Ben Lee, United Way
- Laura Scudiere, Health Dept
- Diane Sennholz, North Central Community Action Program
- Social Services:
  - Christa Jensen
  - Mike Nelson
  - Stephanie Breitenfeldt
  - Vicki Tylka

## In partnership and support:

- Local landlord
- Saint Vincent De Paul
- Wausau Police Department
- City of Wausau
- ... More to come

