



# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, February 3, 2021 (Immediately After Close of the Public Hearing)**

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

	Present	Absent
Tim Buttke, Chair	W	
Michelle Van Krey, Vice Chair	W	
Kelley Gabor	W	
Dennis Gonnering	W	
William Harris	W	
Donna Krause	X	
Tom Seubert	W	

**Also Present:** Lance Leonhard, Jason Hake, Toshia Ranallo,  
**Via Web or Phone** – John Robinson, Jill Geoffroy, Chris Dickinson, Diane Sennholz, Joanne Leonhard, Vicki Resech, Vicki Tylka, Yvonne Quirk, and three unidentified callers.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**  
Chair Tim Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit):** None
3. **MOTION BY HARRIS; SECOND BY GABOR, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2021 AND JANUARY 12, 2021, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:**  
**A. Public Hearing on the Community Engagement Plan**

**Discussion:**

The first public hearing was completed prior to this meeting as a requirement for the CDBG-CV.

5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:** None
6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**  
**A. Update on the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 response grant (CDBG-CV)**

**Discussion:**

Vicki Tylka reported the application process is on track and the application packet will be presented at the County Board meeting as an action item on February 18, 2021.

**Follow Up:**

Forward to County Clerk for February 18, 2021 County Board meeting.

**B. Update on the Progress of Vaccine Distribution in Marathon County**

**Discussion:**

Joan Theurer reported as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 13,104 vaccinations were given to Marathon County residents. This week, the State was only able to provide 27% of vaccines that were requested by healthcare systems and vaccinators. Health care workers, EMS, fire and police departments, and persons aged 65 and older are current groups eligible to receive the vaccination. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the next eligible groups to be vaccinated if supply is adequate, are education and child care, individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs, some public-facing essential workers, non-frontline health care essential personnel, facility staff and residents in congregate living settings. The county and state continue to have availability challenges, however, Theurer will continue to facilitate planning with our healthcare partners.

**Follow Up:**

No follow up needed.

**C. Wisconsin Legislator consideration to rescind Emergency Declaration**

**1) What does this mean for Marathon County operations?**

**Discussion:**

Administrator Leonhard reported the state assembly seeks to take up a joint resolution to rescind the emergency declaration directly effecting the mask mandate. An amendment to the resolution will preserve federal funding for the nutritional aid/food assistance programs.

What does this mean for Marathon County? A masking policy was previously implemented for our

employees and should not be impacted by any decisions made by the legislature. However, from an operational standpoint, Leonhard reached out to the WI Counties Association and requested insight by legal counsel for public access to county facilities.

**Follow Up:**

No follow up needed.

7. **Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:**

A. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 03, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

8. **Announcements:** None were given.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Buttke adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Toshia Ranallo