



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

Committee Members: Tim Buttke, Chair; Michelle Van Krey, Vice-chair; Kelley Gabor, Dennis Gonnering, William Harris, Donna Krause, Tom Seubert

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.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Public Safety Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number:**

Phone#: 1-408-418-9388

Access Code: 146 159 7938

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)**
3. **Approval of the February 3, 2021, Public Hearing and Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - A. Acceptance of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease Funds
 - B. Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding
6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - A. Strategic Plan Progress (Craig McEwen)
 - B. Discussion of the Governor’s Proposed Budget and how it Impacts County Departments over which this Committee has Policy Oversight Responsibility
7. **Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 - B. Next Scheduled Meeting: **March 31, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
8. **Adjournment**

“Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715-261-1500 one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Tim Buttke
Presiding Officer or Designee
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The Health and Human Services Committee

Citizen Participation Public Hearing

Minutes

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

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

The public hearing was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Tim Buttke to discuss agenda items 1-6 below. The following were present: Lance Leonhard, Jason Hake, Donna Krause and Toshia Ranallo. WebEx participants were: Tim Buttke, Michelle Van Krey, Kelly Gabor, Dennis Gonnering, William Harris, Tom Seubert, John Robinson, Jill Geoffroy, Chris Dickenson, Diane Sennholz, Joanne Leonhard, Vicki Resech, Vicki Tylka, Yvonne Quirk, and three unidentified callers.

1. Identification of total potential funds
2. Eligible CDBG activities
3. Presentation of identified community development needs
4. Identification of any community development needs by public
5. Presentation of activities proposed for CDBG application, including potential residential displacement.
6. Citizen input regarding proposed and other CDBG activities

Discussion:

The presentation was led by Director of Social Services and CDBG-CV Project Manager Vicki Tylka, Diane Sennholz with North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) and Vicki Resech with MCDEVCO.

The Intent to Apply submitted on November 18, 2020 identified \$1,100,000 for grant assistance with the following breakdown:

- Rental /Mortgage Assistance \$500,000 - NCCAP
- Small Business Grants \$500,000 - MCDEVCO
- Administration Cost \$100,000

The project covers the townships that include all areas in Marathon County outside the Wausau City limits and has two primary goals: (1) preventing homelessness from eviction or foreclosure by providing rental or mortgage assistance and (2) ensuring the sustainability of Marathon County's small businesses, as the restrictions from COVID-19 have forced them to close and reopen with changing operating restrictions from the State and Health Department that decrease customers and revenue.

Preventing Homelessness Due to Eviction or Foreclosure: Diane Sennholz

North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP) would provide assistance to low income households who have a loss of income due to the effects of COVID, due to contracting COVID, or quarantining due to exposure to COVID. This pandemic has impacted an estimate of 500 households consisting of over 2100 individuals in Marathon County. Current funding streams are exhausted and CARES funding only applies to within the City of Wausau. The need for CDBG-CV funds could assist with rental/utilities for rural residents who rent a home or apartment. The NCCAP staff would meet with clients to provide the necessary screening. NCCAP would ensure households meet the criteria for this funding as well as provide to clients additional referrals to community resources. As a sub-recipient NCCAP would be responsible for the fiscal administration of the proposed activity (preparing vouchers, issuing checks to landlords or mortgage holders, complying with audit requirements, as well as the record keeping, demographic data capturing, and quarterly reporting requirements to Marathon County Government. NCCAP's experience in providing rental assistance and working collaboratively with community partners and in providing referrals expands over 40 years.

Sustainability of Small Businesses Directly Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic: Vicki Resech

MCDEVCO has administered the City of Wausau CDBG funds for over 30 years and is contracted to also administer their CARES funding to assist the city's small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

The Marathon County pandemic fund would provide required assistance to businesses throughout the county that continue to struggle from having to close to reopening with ever changing requirements as the pandemic continues to grow. MCDEVCO would administer Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) grants. Basic criteria for Marathon County business eligibility to receive a grant includes:

- Business must have been in operation as of March 25, 2020 and physically located in the Marathon County.
- Business must either have been closed as nonessential or had operations severely limited by the State of Wisconsin Safer-at-Home orders and continue to struggle to be sustainable with new regulations.
- Business must have 10 or fewer fulltime equivalent employees as of March 25, 2020.
- Sole proprietor and independent contractors are also eligible along with LLC's. and corporations that meet the requirements.
- Property management, real estate rental and real estate sales businesses are not eligible.
- Businesses already receiving funds from the SBA's Payroll Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, 20/20 Small Business, insurance disaster claims, and financial institutions cannot duplicate allocation of funding. No refinancing of debt allowed.
- For every grant received, a low-to-middle income position must be retained and/or created.
- 625 businesses throughout the county required financial assistance due to the direct impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- There is 10,129 small businesses in Marathon County which is the economic backbone for Marathon County to not only sustain but grow rural communities. Small business owners and employees pay local taxes to fund school, roads, and community programs.

The CDBG-CV application and resolutions will be presented to the County board on February 18, 2021. The application packet is due to the Bureau of Community Development on February 26, 2021. Public input was heard and the public hearing was closed at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Toshia Ranallo



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.

- Call Meeting to Order**
Chair Tim Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.
- Public Comment (15 minute limit):** None
- MOTION BY HARRIS; SECOND BY GABOR, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2021 AND JANUARY 12, 2021, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**
- 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.

- Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:** None
- 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 1st, 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 1st, 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

GRANT REVIEW FORM

Department: Health

Contact: Joan Theurer

Division: COVID-19 Response

Name of Grant: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases – COVID 19 Response. Funds awarded to the WI Department of Health Services from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Purpose of Grant: Support local/tribal health departments' COVID-19 response that includes testing, contact tracing, surveillance, and vaccine administration.

How does accessing this grant further the department's ability to achieve Marathon County's overarching goals, mission and strategies?

The purpose of these grant funds is to support Marathon County Health Department's COVID-19 response. Marathon County Health Department's COVID-19 response role includes:

- Disease investigation and contact tracing (and subsequent isolation and quarantine)
- Surveillance of the disease by monitoring: 1) testing, 2) the number of cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and 3) vaccinations
- Facilitate testing among health care providers
- Facilitate the planning of the vaccine roll-out with vaccination partners
- Administer vaccinations
- Provide accurate and timely information to residents

Total Cost of Grant: \$940,900

County Match: None

In-Kind Contribution: None

Duration of Grant: October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022

Please explain any other current or future commitment being made by the County through this grant application. None

Date Prepared: January 25, 2021

Anticipated Date for Notice of Award: January 25, 2021

Send to Deputy County Administrator's Office.

GRANT REVIEW FORM

Department: Health

Contact: Joan Theurer

Division: COVID-19 Response

Name of Grant: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases
Funds awarded to WI Department of Health Services from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Purpose of Grant: Support local/tribal health departments' disease investigations and contact tracing for COVID-19.

How does accessing this grant further the department's ability to achieve Marathon County's overarching goals, mission and strategies?

The purpose of these grant funds is to support Marathon County Health Department's disease investigation and contact tracing for COVID-19. Local health departments are statutory mandated per WI State Statue 252 to prevent, suppress, and control communicable diseases. Disease investigation and contact tracing (and subsequent isolation and quarantine) is an essential component in controlling the spread of COVID-19.

Total Cost of Grant: \$675,000

County Match: None

In-Kind Contribution: None

Duration of Grant: October 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022

Please explain any other current or future commitment being made by the County through this grant application. None

Date Prepared: January 25, 2021 **Anticipated Date for Notice of Award:** January 22, 2021

Send to Deputy County Administrator's Office.

GRANT REVIEW POLICY

Purpose:

Provide a systematic approach to review, educate and inform County Administration and County Board as to potential funding opportunities. Ensure that County Board understands the current and future commitments, implications and deliverables that are required by the grant opportunity.

Intended Audience:

This policy applies to all grant funding that is not in current year's adopted budget.

Policy:

Any grant not included in the current year's adopted budget must be reviewed and receive approval by the Standing committee of jurisdiction and the Finance Committee and requires final approval by the County Board of Supervisors prior to acceptance of the award.

Procedure:

1. Complete the Grant Review Form.
2. Review of information by County Administration.
3. If no commitment of current or future County commitments – Grant Review form will be included as an educational item at the next regularly scheduled appropriate Standing Committee and Finance Committee meetings.
4. If County Administration's review identifies current or future commitments of County resources including County tax levy, the application will be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee and Finance Committee for their review and action. It is preferable that Committee(s) action is completed prior to the submission of the grant application. If the timelines are such that it is not possible, the Standing Committee and Finance Committees must review and act after submission, but prior to the acceptance of an award.
5. Upon notice of the award of any grant (with or without current or future County commitments) County Board must consider acceptance of the grant following its rules for amending the current year's budget.
6. Upon County Board approval, the department is authorized to accept the grant award.

GRANT REVIEW FORM

Department: _____ Contact: _____

Division/Unit (if appropriate): _____

Name of Grant: _____

Purpose of Grant:

How does accessing this grant further the department's ability to achieve Marathon County's overarching goals, mission, strategies?

Total Cost of Grant: _____

County Match: _____

In-Kind Contribution: _____

Duration of Grant: _____

Please explain any other current or future commitment being made by the County through this grant application.

Send to Deputy County Administrator's Office.

Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding

- WHEREAS: Marathon County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to 8,083 Marathon County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and
- WHEREAS: Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and
- WHEREAS: County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in child support during 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and
- WHEREAS: Marathon County's Child Support Agency provides services to children as well as custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and
- WHEREAS: The economic security and social service programs provided by Marathon County Child Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now more than ever due to the economic downturn caused by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS: State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2nd in the nation for collecting current support to 5th; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state losing out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and 2020; and
- WHEREAS: An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to federal funding for Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Marathon County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and
- WHEREAS: New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Marathon County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES – _____ – _____
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES GOAL: *Marathon County promotes the physical, mental, and social health of the community and takes steps to support healthy living for residents at all stages of life.*

Objective 3.3: Ensure that every child makes it to adulthood with health, stability, and growth opportunities.

Strategy	Actionable Item	Contributors	Status	Action
A. Develop a plan to reduce childhood trauma..				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
	e.			
B. Create a trauma-informed care system.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
C. Develop a comprehensive risk-based assessment to address juvenile offenders to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
D. Develop a framework for building resilient children.				
	a.			
	b.			

STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES – _____ – _____
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

E. The County Board will approve a plan that creates a trauma-informed response system for services we provide.				
	a.			
	b.			

Objective 3.7: Ensure that every person has local access to effective mental health treatment.

Strategy	Actionable Item	Contributors	Status	Action
A. Develop a continuum of services within a therapeutic community.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
	e.			
B. Attract and retain qualified treatment providers and behavioral educators.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
C. Develop more mechanisms to ensure access to treatment across the County.				

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	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
D. Develop a more comprehensive approach to crisis prevention and serving people (adults and children) in crisis.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
E. Develop comprehensive mental health treatment options for criminal justice populations and others with criminogenic treatment needs.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
F. Conduct a community needs assessment and create a plan to address identified gaps in service.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			

STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES – _____ – _____
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES GOAL: *Marathon County is a safe and secure community for all residents and visitors.*

Objective 7.2: Mitigate the impacts of heroin and methamphetamine epidemics in Marathon County through evidence-based practices.

Strategy	Actionable Item	Contributors	Status	Action
A. Develop a comprehensive approach to address use of heroin and meth.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
	e.			
B. Complete an inventory of programs, services and community initiatives in relationship to best practices led or supported by Marathon County Government that contribute to mitigating and preventing drug misuse and abuse.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			

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C. Identify gaps in programs/services and community initiatives and opportunities for public/private partnerships to further efforts to mitigate and prevent drug misuse and abuse.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
D. Identify and advance public policy that would support the mitigation and prevention of drug misuse and abuse among residents of Marathon County.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			
	d.			
E. Identify and track data points to measure the impact of drug misuse and abuse among residents of Marathon County.				
	a.			
	b.			
	c.			

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Information regarding Governor Ever's Budget

([Budget in Brief](#), [Full Budget](#), [WCA summary](#))

Update on potential Federal COVID package – [NACo overview](#)