



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Tim Buttke	X	
Vice Chair Michelle Van Krey	W	
Kelley Gabor	Phone	
Dennis Gonnering	W	
William Harris	W	
Donna Krause	X	
Tom Seubert	W	

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

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Scott Corbett, Jason Hake, Dejan Adzic, Michael Loy and Toshia Ranallo.

WebEx/Phone: John Robinson, Jean Maszk, Joan Theurer, Vicki Tylka, and Peter Weinschenk.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Public Comment (15 minute limit) - None

3. MOTION BY GONNERING; SECOND BY KRAUSE TO APPROVE THE MARCH 31, 2021, PUBLIC HEARING AND HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination

A. 2021 Senate Bill 239 - AN ACT to amend 51.15 (5) of the statutes; relating to: excluding time for evaluation and treatment of certain medical conditions from the time limit for emergency detention without a hearing. [Wisconsin Legislature: SB239: Bill Text](#)

Discussion:

Corporate Counsel Scott Corbett gave an overview of Senate Bill 239 and the proposed amendment. Emergency detention occurs when law enforcement encounters an individual in the community that they believe suffers from mental illness, drug dependence, or developmental disability and is dangerous to themselves or others. Under the current law there is 72 hours from the time that the individual is taken into physical custody until a probable cause hearing is held before a Wisconsin Magistrate.

The amendment proposes the time period where an individual is not observable due to the need for evaluation or stabilizing medical treatment, will not be counted toward the 72 hours.

Action:

MOTION BY SEUBERT; SECOND BY GONNERING TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNTY BOARD ENDORSING THE 2021 SENATE BILL 239 - AN ACT TO AMEND 51.15 (5) OF THE STATUTES; RELATING TO EXCLUDING TIME FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS FROM THE TIME LIMIT FOR EMERGENCY DETENTION WITHOUT A HEARING. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow-Up:

Forward to the County Board.

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:

A. Health Department Licensing Program Ordinance

Discussion:

Health Officer Joan Theurer gave an overview of the proposed ordinance explaining it is a realignment of the licensing program in order for Marathon County to keep its agent status under the WI Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. The recommended ordinance can be accessed in the [packet here](#).

Action:

MOTION BY KRAUSE; SECOND BY GONNERING TO MOVE TO THE COUNTY BOARD THE CREATION OF Sec. 11.03 OF THE GENERAL CODE AUTHORIZING THE MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AS AN AGENT FOR THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS RELATED TO RETAIL FOOD, VENDING, LODGING, AND RECREATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND PERMITTING THE MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE MARATHON

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE ROLE OF AGENT FOR THE STATE OF WISCONSIN. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow-Up:

Forward to County Board.

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. 2021 County Health Rankings (Joan Theurer)

Discussion:

Health Officer Joan Theurer reported that Marathon County continues to be one of the healthiest counties in Wisconsin and in the top quarter percentile for Outcomes and Health Factors which pertains to how long people live and how well they are living. Some of the positive factors for Marathon County is healthcare, physical activity, number of people impacted by alcohol and driving deaths, teen births, the uninsured population, and social and economic behaviors. Areas that need attention are smoking, adult obesity, and excessive drinking. Overall these rankings demonstrate what is happening here in Marathon County and helps support our strategic plan priority of being the healthiest county in the state and nation. The data collected was pre Covid and from 2018-2019.

Follow-Up

No follow-up needed.

B. Update on COVID Vaccine – Transportation (Joan Theurer)

Discussion:

Health Officer Joan Theurer gave an update on vaccines and potential barriers for why some may not be receiving the vaccination. In 2020, a WI Dept. of Health Services grant was received which helped form a group called H2N. The group is very active in securing cultural liaisons while focusing on increasing flu vaccinations within the Hmong and Hispanic populations. Recently the H2N expanded their efforts to COVID-19 vaccines and applied for another grant for outreach purposes. Other entities including the Aging & Resource Center, the Hmong American Center, and the Bridge Community Health Clinic received outreach grants. As a result of infusion of dollars, Marathon County is able to build a strong network of cultural liaisons to serve not only the Hmong and Hispanic, but also African American, adults 60 and older, the disabled and homeless populations, and rural communities. Potential barriers identified consist of mistrust of healthcare systems, language, transportation, health literacy, and technology and internet access. The H2N and partners are working through these barriers and have developed strategies to address these issues. They will also play a critical role in addressing disparities post COVID. A variety of vaccination clinics continue to be held with language interpreting and translation services available. An estimated 30% of Marathon County residents have completed the vaccine series.

Follow-Up

No follow-up needed.

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

A. All standing committee meetings are now being recorded by Wausau Access Media and will be available in real time and posted on the [Marathon County YouTube channel](#).

B. Next Scheduled Meeting: **June 2, 2021, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Buttke adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Toshia Ranallo