



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



Public Hearing Notice

Citizen Participation

Public Hearing

Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 3:45 pm

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Chair Tim Buttke to discuss agenda items 1-6 below. The following were present: Tim Buttke, Lance Leonhard, Jason Hake, Donna Krause and Toshia Ranallo. WebEx and phone participants were: Dennis Gonnering, William Harris, Tom Seubert, Vicki Tylka and Joan Theurer.

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 given by Director of Social Services and CDBG-CV Project Manager Vicki Tylka. 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:

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:

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 5 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 are 10,129 small businesses in Marathon County which are 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 were presented to the County board on February 18, 2021. The application packet was due to the Bureau of Community Development on February 26, 2021. Public input was heard and the public hearing was closed at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Toshia Ranallo

ORDINANCE #O-8-19

AMENDING SEC. 2.05(1)(d), GEN. CODE OF ORD. TO PROVIDE FOR BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERSHIP TO TRACK STATUTORY LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2018, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Marathon adopted § 2.05 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County, establishing the membership requirements for the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin mandates relative to the membership requirements for local boards of health; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019, the Marathon County Board of Health voted to amend § 2.05(1)(d), Gen. Code, to modify membership requirements in order to track with state statute; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2019, the Marathon County Health & Human Service Committee voted to amend § 2.05(1)(d), Gen. Code, as provided for in the attached addendum, to reference the requirements provided for in state statute; and

WHEREAS, §2.01(intro.), Gen. Code, permits amendment of the County Board rules of procedure by two-thirds majority vote of a quorum of the members present at a County board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows:

1. To amend § 2.05(1)(d) of the General Code of Ordinances, pursuant to the addendum attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Estimated Fiscal Impact: None.

Proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, the Governing Body,
Section 2.05(1)(d) Board of Health Membership

(1) *Board of Health.*

- (a) *Committee type and reporting relationship:* The Marathon County Board of Health coordinates through the Marathon County Health and Human Services committee to the County Board.
- (b) *Mission/purpose statement:* The purpose of the Marathon County Board of Health is to develop and recommend for consideration by the Health and Human Services Standing Committee, health policies which create an environment in which individuals can be healthy.
- (c) *Statutory responsibilities:* Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 251.
- (d) *Membership:* Total of nine members consisting of at least three of whom are not elected County officials and no less than three County Board Supervisors. Board of Health members will demonstrate interest or competence in the field of public health or community health. ~~A good faith effort to include at least one physician, one registered nurse, one dentist, and one veterinarian will be made.~~ The membership composition will be in keeping with Wisconsin Statute 251.03.

The Medical Director of the Health Department shall serve as an Ex Officio member of the Board of Health. This position advises the Board, the Health Officer, and the Health Department staff on medical issues. This position shall not vote nor contribute to the quorum requirements of the Board.

- (e) *Member term:* Board of Health members are appointed by the County Administrator and confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors. Citizen members are appointed for five-year staggered terms. There are no term limits. County Board Supervisors are appointed to serve two-year terms concurrent with their terms of office. Committee vacancies will be filled according to County Board Rule 13.
- (f) *Duties and responsibilities:*
 - 1. Assure the enforcement of public health statutes and rules.
 - 2. Assure the local health department meets the requirements of a Level III Health Department as defined by statute.
 - 3. Adopt local public health regulations to protect and improve the public's health which are no less stringent than, and do not conflict with, state statutes or the rules of the State Department of Public Health.
 - 4. Assess public health needs and advocate for the provision of reasonable and necessary public health services.
 - 5. Develop policy and provide leadership to meet public health needs.
 - 6. Assure the local health department collaborates with other public health partners.
 - 7. Assure accountability of the local health department.
- (g) *Other organization relationships:* The Board of Health will work with the Marathon County Health and Human Services Standing Committee to develop County-wide Health policies. Work with other County Board Committees, as the needs arise.