



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Lance Leonhard, Kurt Gibbs, Craig McEwen, Jarret Nichol

WebEx/Phone: Vicki Tylka, John Robinson, and Amy Litzer.

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Amy Litzer - 500 Grand Ave, Wausau, 54403, expressed concerns regarding lack of bus transportation near 425 Windridge Drive where many medical facilities are located. The shuttle operates between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. resulting in individuals being trapped there after 3pm. She suggests expanding transit to this area which would improve equality for those with physical and mental disabilities in Marathon County.

3. MOTION BY HARRIS; SECOND BY VAN KREY TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 6, 2021, HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Update from representatives of NCCSP Executive Committee relative to recommended modifications to the Tri County Agreement

Discussion:

The NCHC tri-county agreement between Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade counties identify roles and responsibilities of each county to provide various mental health and crisis services to their residents.

Administrator Leonhard explained as part of the review report submitted by von Briesen & Roper earlier this year, the NCHC Board asked them to examine the agreement and identify opportunities to enhance responsiveness to specific county government needs and improve functioning and transparency within operations. Specifically, looking at two options a county can deliver its mental health services in the State of Wisconsin, identified in Chapter 51 of the state statutes:

1. Administrator/Executive Model
2. Administrative Coordinator Model.

The administrative coordinator model calls for the operation of a community programs department such as NCHC. Under the tri-county agreement, the powers and authorities live within a community services program board, such as North Central Community Services Program Board.

In the administrator executive model, the supervision for the director of community programs is the county executive or the county administrator.

Marathon county is an administrator/executive county but under chapter 51, if a county joins together with other counties, they are automatically defaulted into an administrative coordinator model.

Andy Phillips with von Briesen & Roper identified a mechanism for Marathon County to pursue a county administrator/executive model through Chapter 59.52 subsection 7; to organize and create the same organization to deliver the same services but allow Marathon County to organize and align their own authorities and powers.

Potential revisions for a new tri-county agreement have been drafted and will need to be reviewed and approved by all three counties. More discussion can be viewed on the county website [here](#).

Follow Up:

Administrator Leonhard will keep the committee informed on any updates. Any new tri-county agreement would be presented to this committee before being offered to the full county board.

5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:** None

6. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**

- A. Continued discussion of recommendation from NCCSP Board to reduce Mount View Care Center Nursing Home Licensure to 154 Beds

Discussion:

Jarrett Nickel from NCHC provided an update on the direction of this committee at last month's meeting, to reach out to discharge case managers from Aspirus and Marshfield health systems on demands for nursing home beds. Both healthcare systems verified the need but were unable to provide concrete data before this meeting. Nickels reached out to the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for more information on putting beds into reserve.

As a result, it was determined that NCHC can put as many beds as they would like in reserve if the facility were under construction. Mount View Care Center will be undergoing another phase, so this will give NCHC the flexibility without having to pay bed tax for those in reserve for up to 18 months or when the construction is completed, whichever comes first. He asked the committee for a recommendation for 154 licensed beds and putting 34 in reserve. He will keep the committee updated by providing quarterly reports on active beds.

Action:

MOTION BY VAN KREY; SECOND BY SEUBERT TO MOVE TO RECOMMEND A LICENSURE OF 188 BEDS WITH 154 BEING ACTIVE AND 34 BEING HELD IN RESERVE; AND A QUARTERLY REPORT PROVIDED BY NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH CARE. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow up:

Forward to County Board.

- B. Review of Strategies and Outcome Measures for Strategic Plan

Discussion:

Chair Buttke reported he and Supervisor Van Krey met and reviewed the committees strategic plan objectives and are completing the template that will help track outcomes.

Vice Chair McEwen requested the committee to review their strategies, complete the template and to think about what they would like to accomplish before the end of their term in April.

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

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
- Supervisor Krause suggested presentations on disabilities by the ADRC and human trafficking
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting: **December 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.**

8. **Adjournment**

MOTION BY GONNERING; SECOND BY VAN KREY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

The recording of the meeting can be accessed at the link below. <https://tinyurl.com/MarathonCountyBoard>

Respectfully submitted by,
Toshia Ranallo