



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Tim Buttke, Chair	X	
Michelle Van Krey, Vice Chair	W	
Dennis Gonnering	W	
William Harris	X	
Donna Krause	X	
Tom Seubert	W	
Romey Wagner	W	

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Craig McEwen (W), Joan Theurer, Jill Geoffroy (W), Michael Loy (W), Scott Corbett, Mary Palmer

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Tim Buttke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment: The Public Comment portion of the agenda has been temporarily suspended, pursuant to Marathon County Resolution # R-18-20, dated March 17, 2020.

3. Approval of the February 24, 2020, Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY KRAUSE, TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action: None

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

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Update from Health Officer Theurer on status of COVID-19 in Marathon County and the specific role of the Health Department

Discussion:

Joan Theurer, Health Officer gave an update on the Status of Covid-19 in Marathon County and the Health Department's role. To date Marathon County has reported 21 cases and 1 death. Almost 1,000 people were tested. She contributes this to the Safer at Home order. We are entering our 10th week and 70-80% of the Health Department staff are dedicated to COVID-19. Joan continued going through the Power Point [presentation](#) that was in the packet.

Marathon County is using the "Boxing It In" strategy (page 6 of the Power Point) by following these four quadrants: testing, isolation, contact tracing, and quarantine. Following the Gating Criteria (page 7), Symptoms is now green since Monday. The State is making progress on criteria.

If the Supreme Court makes a decision to take back the order passed by the Governor, is Marathon County prepared? The Badger Bounce Back plan is a roadmap to start from. State will continue to bring forth important information that we can use. As the local Health Officer, Joan has the ability to issue orders. We are fortunate not to have an outbreak.

Follow up:

None needed.

B. Committee Role and Responsibilities – Buttke / Leonhard (see [Rule 2.04\(5\) of Marathon County Code of Ordinances](#))

1. Committee Overview – Mission, Purpose, & History
2. Operational Decision-Making – Common Committee Operational Functions

Discussion:

Administrator Leonhard went through the Health and Human Services Committee role. He talked about operational duties such as approving new position requests or reclassifications versus policy making decisions. How you spend money and how much you spend are policy decisions. Policy discussions usually find their way into the budget. Policy issues discussed in the past two years came under the Objectives 3.3, 3.7 and 7.2 of the Strategic Plan.

The Health Department, Veterans Services and Social Services are the department that have a reporting relationship to the Health & Human Services Committee. There are other boards, committees, commissions and councils that work through this committee when needed.

Follow up:

None necessary.

C. Reporting Relationships – Departments, Subcommittees, and other Entities Reporting to this Committee

Discussion:

Information on this agenda item was relayed in 6B above.

Follow up:

None necessary.

D. Activities & Priorities – Discussion of Committee’s actions during the recent session and potential priorities for the next session in light of Marathon County’s [Strategic Plan](#) and [Comprehensive Plan \(Executive Summary\)](#)

Discussion:

County Board Vice-Chair McEwen, spoke briefly on the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2016, which is a 20 year broad view and the Strategic Plan which was adopted in 2018 for a 3 to 5 year plan. Some of the accomplishments of the Health & Human Services Committee over the past two years are:

- Requests from the Department of Social Services for some positions to be increased and abolish some positions to create a more cohesive work flow in the department.
- Booking procedures in the Jail for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) considerations and follow up services
- Reviewed Start Right Program funding reduction and how it relates to the 20-22 Strategic Plan
- Health Officer’s report to mitigate drug use and misuse
- Birth to 3 program moved from North Central Health Care (NCHC) to Marathon County Special Education
- Supports Adult Protective Services moving from NCHC to the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW)
- Keeping Teens Safe
- Board of Health presentation on the potential impact of Medicaid expansion
- NACo conference update by Chair Bootz
- February was recognized as Teen Violence Awareness Month. Passed by committee and the County Board.

Public Safety and Health and Human Services work together frequently and have joint meetings.

Follow up:

The Administrator will share the recap of the Strategic Plan with the full board.

7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion

- Future items for discussion:
- Next meeting Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

8. **Announcements:** Chair Gibbs is looking for names of committee members to serve on the Marathon County Board Size Task Force. He is also looking for interested person to be appointed to the WCA Steering Committees, WCA County Ambassador Program Team, and NACo. Let Chair Gibbs know if you have any interest. Also you may contact Administrator Leonhard via e-mail if you are interested in other committee appointments.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY KRAUSE, TO ADJOURN THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:13 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared
By Mary Palmer