



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **Employee Resources Conference Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau**

Health & Human Services Committee Members: Tim Buttke, Chair; Michelle Van Krey, Vice-chair; Dennis Gonnering; William Harris; Donna Krause; Tom Seubert; Romey Wagner

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)*

Health & Human Services 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 Health & Human Services 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.

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment Portion of the Agenda has been Temporarily Suspended
3. Approval of the May 6, 2020, Committee meeting minutes.
4. **Policy Issues** Discussion and Possible Action:
 - A. Communicable Disease Ordinance Development
5. **Operational Functions** Required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:
 - A. Appointment of Doug Machon, Representing Wood County, to the Aging & Disabilities Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Board
 - B. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Proclamation (attachment)
6. **Educational Presentations** and Committee Discussion
 - A. Status Report on Warm Water Therapy Pool and NCHC (Troy Torgerson)
 - B. Broad Overview of the Transportation Coordinating Committee and their Relationship with Health and Human Services (Dave Mack)
 - C. Update on COVID-19 issues
7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 - B. Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

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SIGNED /s/ Tim Buttke
Presiding Officer or Designee
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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

COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus 2019): Powers of Local Health Officer; Enforcement; Penalty

(1) Introduction:

- (a) Declaration of policy. This ordinance has been adopted in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been created because institutions of Wisconsin State Government have determined that individual municipalities must take charge of managing enforcement of public health orders on a local level. The Marathon County Board of Supervisors recognizes and trusts that the clear majority of persons and businesses located within Marathon County will voluntarily follow recommendations and guidance from Public Health authorities to protect themselves, their employees, their families and each other.
- (b) Purpose and Intent. It is the purpose and intent of the Marathon County Board to ensure that any local public health orders are narrowly tailored to address specific individuals, businesses, and localities where a cluster or outbreak of cases is identified. Any public health orders issued in Marathon County must be based on confirmed cases of persons actually infected or suspected of being infected with COVID-19. This ordinance is intended to limit overly broad, universally applicable restrictions provided for within the State's "Safer at Home" order. It is also intended to protect the health and safety of the majority persons and businesses from the actions of a few, whose behavior endangers the public, by providing for clear enforcement and penalties for persons or organizations that violate lawful public health orders.
- (c) Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 252, to prevent and suppress communicable diseases on a local level, and Wis. Stats, §59.54(6), to preserve the public peace, safety and good order within the county.
- (d) Findings. The County Board finds that:
 - 1. COVID-19 and the spread of that virus poses a unique and direct threat to the health and safety of persons living, working or visiting in Marathon County because the virus has no known treatment or vaccine, is extremely contagious, and causes death in a large percentage of persons over the age of sixty (60), or those with underlying health conditions, who contract it. Some models suggest that up to 50-70% of the population of the United States could contract COVID-19. The threat requires vigilance by the Local Health Officer and may require swift and decisive action to protect the community.
 - 2. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has declared that the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) exceeded its authority when it issued Order #28, Safer at Home. The Court took issue with DHS's order because DHS had not complied with necessary rulemaking procedures and because the Order quarantined all people within the state without regard to whether they were infected or suspected of being infected.

3. Economic, social and personal activity is essential to the well-being of our community. Any public health orders issued in Marathon County must strive to avoid inequity amongst the individuals, businesses, and communities impacted.
 4. In Marathon County, the Local Health Officer is the Director of the Marathon County Health Department. The Local Health Officer is authorized to take reasonable and necessary actions to prevent and suppress communicable diseases, pursuant to the authority granted under Wis. Stats. §252.03(1) and (2) and §252.06.
 5. The power of the Local Health Officer extends to the regulation of:
 - a. Individuals, when they have tested positive for COVID-19, they are a probable case, or are suspected of being infected,
 - b. Specific businesses and other organizations, when multiple or a cluster of cases has been identified,
 - c. Localities within Marathon County, when a localized outbreak has occurred, and
 - d. County-wide, under the limited circumstances described below.
 6. The need to issue such orders is limited in Marathon County because individuals, businesses, and other organizations should not be subjected to mandatory requirements when they are voluntarily following reasonable and necessary measures recommended by the Local Health Officer.
- (e) Applicability. This ordinance automatically sunsets effective December 31, 2021, except with respect to the continued enforcement of actions commenced prior to that date.
- (2) Definitions. In this ordinance terms have the following meanings:
- (a) "Cluster" means an aggregation of cases in a given area over a particular period.
 1. In a business or other entity, a cluster would be deemed to have occurred if cases were epidemiologically linked to the business or other entity.
 - (b) "Epidemiologically linked" means that the Local Health Officer has made a determination that the cases have a common cause or are related to one another in some way by time, place, and person. "Interfere with investigation" means knowingly giving false information to the Marathon County Health Department or knowingly preventing an investigation from being carried out properly.
 - (c) "Locality" means a geographically defined area within Marathon County.
 - (d) "Measures" means actions taken to prevent, suppress, and/or control the spread of COVID-19. Measures can include but are not limited to changes in behaviors and practices; carrying out environmental controls; screening and/or testing; restricting people's movement; and instituting workplace policies.

- (e) "Non-compliance" means failure or refusal to implement all measures recommended by the Local Health Officer or specified in a written order within a reasonable period of time.
- (f) "Outbreak" means the occurrence of more cases than expected in a localized area or community.
- (g) "Reasonable period of time" means reasonable period of time under the circumstances. Some measures may need to be implemented by recipients of written orders immediately and without delay. Most written orders will set forth a time period for recipients to implement measures.

(3) Local Health Officer's Duties and Authority [Sec. 252.03, Wis. Stats.]

- (a) Sec. 252.03, Wis. Stats. (as it currently exists or is hereafter revised) is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- (b) The Health Officer, upon the appearance of any communicable disease in Marathon County, shall immediately investigate all the circumstances and make a full report to the County Board and Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- (c) The Health Officer shall promptly take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress and control communicable diseases, and shall report to the County Board the progress of the communicable diseases and the measures used against them, as needed to keep the County Board fully informed, or at such intervals as the Wisconsin Secretary of Health may direct.
- (d) The Health Officer may do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease; may forbid public gatherings when deemed necessary to control outbreaks or epidemics and shall advise the Wisconsin Department of Health Services of measures taken.
- (e) No person may interfere with the investigation under this ordinance of any place or its occupants by the Health Officer or their assistants.

(4) Local Health Officer Isolation and/or Quarantine Order [Sec. 252.06, Wis. Stats.]

- (a) Sec. 252.06, Wis. Stats. (as it currently exists or is hereafter revised) is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- (b) The diagnostic report of a physician, the notification or confirmatory report of a parent or caretaker of the patient, or a reasonable belief in the existence of a communicable disease shall require the local health officer immediately to quarantine, isolate, require restrictions or take other communicable disease control measures in the manner, upon the persons and for the time specified in rules promulgated by the department.

- (c) If deemed necessary by the local health officer for a particular communicable disease, all persons except the local health officer, his or her representative, attending physicians and nurses, members of the clergy, the members of the immediate family and any other person having a special written permit from the local health officer are forbidden to be in direct contact with the patient.
- (d) The local health officer shall employ as many persons as are necessary to execute his or her orders and properly guard any place if quarantine or other restrictions on communicable disease are violated or intent to violate is manifested. These persons shall be sworn in as quarantine guards, shall have police powers, and may use all necessary means to enforce the state laws for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, or the orders and rules of the department or any local health officer.
- (e) Any person found in violation of an order issued pursuant to § 252.06, Wis. Stats., or its successor statute, shall be subject to enforcement as set forth below.

(5) Administration.

- (a) Voluntary compliance through education, recommendation and referral – The primary means of prevention, suppression and control of COVID-19 is through communication with the persons, organizations and municipalities impacted by positive tests for the virus. As of the time of passage of this ordinance, there have still been fewer than 100 positive tests for COVID-19 in Marathon County. However, the mere fact that Marathon County has fewer cases than certain other counties does not eliminate the risk of local transmission. Similarly, as there no barriers preventing people travelling to and from Marathon County, continued prevention, suppression and control efforts are necessary. While it is unlikely that testing will be able to discern whether one person actually caught the COVID-19 virus from another specific person, cases can be sufficiently “epidemiologically linked” when a group of people who have tested positive share common contacts. The mission of the Marathon County Health Department is to follow up on positive tests and to recommend appropriate measures be taken voluntarily to control the transmission of the virus. There may be resources available to provide technical advice to businesses and organizations to assist with specific modifications of physical plant, policy or practice to control transmission. There is no reason to issue a mandatory order when people, businesses, organizations and localities are implementing recommendations voluntarily.
- (b) Written Order – When a person, business, organization or locality fails or refuses to implement recommendations voluntarily, the Health Officer or designee may issue a written order. With respect to persons, businesses, or organizations, said order shall be delivered personally, by First Class Mail, or sent by Certified Mail to the person, owner, operator, or occupant as the case may require. With respect to locality-specific or countywide orders, notice of said order shall be provided by publication of a Class I notice. Any order shall specify the following:

1. The findings of the Health department.
2. The measures needed to prevent, suppress or control further transmission of COVID-19.
3. The time period in which the individual, business or organization, or locality must implement or comply with various measures. Time extensions may be granted by the Health Officer.
4. The penalty or penalties the order recipient would be subject to in the event of non-compliance within the given time period, see subsection (7) below.

(6) Measures to prevent, suppress, and control COVID-19. The Health Officer is authorized to issue orders directing the implementation of the following measures to prevent, suppress, and control COVID-19 in the event voluntary compliance with recommendations is not achieved:

(a) Individuals.

1. Finding: An Individual that is diagnosed as a case of COVID-19, a probable case, or a suspected case or the individual is identified as a close contact to an individual diagnosed as probable or case of a communicable disease who is capable of developing and spreading the disease.
2. Measures may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Isolate and/or quarantine to their home or another safe place, including no contact with people outside the place the individual is ordered
 - b. Provide information regarding the people and places with which the individual had contact during the infectious period of the disease
 - c. Permit staff from the health department to contact the individual to evaluate health status, basic needs and compliance.

(b) Business, Non-Profit, Other Organizations and Entities.

1. Finding: Multiple cases, or a cluster of cases, are epidemiologically linked to the business or organization over a period of time.
2. Measures may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Direct that the entity to create an Incident Response Team
 - b. Daily health monitoring of employees and non-employees entering the premises for symptoms
 - c. Testing of employees
 - d. Environmental modifications to reduce the spread (cleaning, physical barriers)
 - e. Mandate the use of appropriate personal protective equipment and personal hygiene
 - f. Not allow employees under isolation or quarantine to come to work
 - g. Reduce the number of employees and/or stagger shifts

- h. Limit face-to-face interactions with customers
- i. Reduce hours or days of operations
- j. Temporary close operations

(c) Locality.

1. Finding: COVID-19 outbreak occurring in a defined area of the county as evidenced by a substantial increase in the number of cases over a short period of time.
2. Trigger measures are highly dependent upon the size and density of the population within the geographical area affected (*e.g.*, a 10% increase in cases on 3 consecutive days, doubling time of less than 5 days).
3. Measures may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Limitation on gatherings of non-household members.
 - b. Mandate the use of face coverings while in public areas.

(d) County Wide.

1. Finding: Widespread COVID-19 outbreak occurring whereby the health care and/or public health system is at risk of operating under crisis standards in light of the number of cases.
2. Trigger measures may include:
 - a. Insufficient Testing. Testing is unavailable or interrupted, such that local health care systems are unable to meet the Centers for Disease Control or Wisconsin Department of Health Services priority levels.
 - b. Insufficient Hospital Care Capacity. Hospitals are approaching crisis standards of care in treating all patients, as defined by the Institute of Medicine, regarding (1) availability of ICU beds, (2) availability of ventilators, or (3) availability of PPE.
 - c. Insufficient Public Health System Capacity. The Marathon County Health Department is unable to complete necessary contact tracing within 48 hours of report.
3. Measures that may be ordered include but are not limited to:
 - a. Limitations on gatherings of non-household members.
 - b. Mandate the use of face coverings while in public areas.

(7) Enforcement.

- (a) Interference with investigation – If a person, business, organization or other entity interferes with a COVID-19 investigation, they are subject to the enforcement actions and penalties set forth below.
- (b) Noncompliance with Order – If a person, business, organization or other entity is non-compliant with a written order from the Health Officer, they are subject to the enforcement actions and penalties set forth below.
- (c) Enforcement actions:

1. The issuance of a citation by a law enforcement officer.
2. Commencement of legal action seeking a court-imposed forfeiture for violation of this ordinance [see penalty below].
3. Commencement of legal action seeking an injunction and/or restraining orders to abate the interference with the investigation or non-compliance with a written order.
4. The suspension of any license or permit issued by the Health Department.
5. Any other action authorized by this ordinance or by other applicable laws as deemed necessary by the Health Officer.

6. The initiation of one action or penalty under this section does not exempt the alleged violator from any additional actions and/or penalties listed in this section.

(d) Penalties

1. Anyone violating a provision of this ordinance shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$25,000 per violation.
2. Continued violations. Each violation, and each day a violation continues or occurs, shall constitute a separate offense.

(e) Initiation of Legal Action – Prosecution of violations of this ordinance shall be conducted by the Office of Corporation Counsel for Marathon County. Legal action shall be initiated against a violator as requested by the Health Officer.



BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

Name DOUG MACHON Phone 715-423-0399

Address 840 5TH ST. SO. City WI. RAPIDS Zip 54494

E-mail: _____ You may also attach a brief bio with this application.

Do you have any previous experience serving on government or nonprofit boards or committees?
YES. ADRC-CW BOARD, UW COMMISSION, WISCONSIN RAPIDS, ETACS COMMITTEE, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Please tell us why you are interested in serving on the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Board.

HAVE SERVED ON BOARD AND HAVE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON ISSUES. WILL NEEDS A RIDE! (LOL)

We need board members who represent the customers that we serve. Are you qualified to represent any of the following? **Check all that apply.**

- Older persons, age 60 or older
- Adults with physical disabilities
- Adults with developmental disabilities
- Adults with mental health disabilities
- Adults who have experienced substance abuse
- Family caregivers or legal guardians
- Youth 16-17 years who will soon receive adult services

Please explain, as you feel necessary: _____

Please return this application and if desired your brief bio to **Attention: Executive Director at adrc@adrc-cw.org or 2600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 25, Wausau, WI 54401.**

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AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 14, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

Mission: The Aging and Disability Resource of Central Wisconsin promotes choice and independence through personalized education, advocacy, and access to services that prevent, delay, and lessen the impacts of aging and disabilities in the lives of adults.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, this meeting was held via video and teleconference.

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairman, Tim Buttke at 9:30 am.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Attendance taken by Angela Hansen.
 - Board members: Bill Clendenning, Jim Hampton, Tim Buttke, Mike Feirer, Norbert Ashbeck, Dora Gorski, Will Hascall, Dona Schwichtenberg, Dick Hurlbert, Danielle Yuska, Sandi Cihlar
 - Staff attending: Jonette Arms, Jennifer Cummings, Steve Prell, Mike Rhea, Ronda James, Erin Wells, Pa Thao, Brenda Kochanowski, Mary Rheinschmidt
 - Other attendees: Brenda Christian, Adult Protective Services, Lance Leonard, Marathon County Administrator, Amanda Ley, Marathon County Corporation Council
 - New board member Bill Clendenning introduces himself.
3. Public Comments – The Public Comment portion of the agenda is-suspended-temporarily because the technology necessary to afford the public the opportunity to address the ADRC-CW Board or ADRC-CW staff during public comment is difficult to guarantee, if a large number of individuals have elected to call in.

Antigo 715-627-6232 1225 Langlade Rd Antigo, WI 54409	Marshfield 715-384-8479 300 S Peach Ave Suite 1 Marshfield, WI 54449	Merrill 715-536-0311 607 N Sales St Suite 206 Merrill, WI 54452	Wausau 715-261-6070 2600 Stewart Ave Suite 25 Wausau, WI 54401	Wisconsin Rapids 715-421-0014 220 3 rd Avenue S Suite 1 Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
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4. Approval of Minutes – 03/12/2020
 - Motion to approve March 12, 2020 Minutes by Mike Feirer, seconded by Norbert Ashbeck. Motion carried, minutes approved.
5. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting on COVID-19 – 3/26/2020
 - Motion to approve March 26, 2020 minutes by Mike Feirer, seconded by Norbert Ashbeck. Motion carried, minutes approved.
6. Report from the Finance Committee
 - Steve Prell presents the Finance Report, reviewing disbursements and expenses. Monthly statements are driven by the grant cycles.
 - Policy review tabled until next meeting.
 - Motion to approve the Finance Report by Will Hascall, seconded by Bill Clendenning. Motion carried, report approved.
7. Discussion/possible action – Year-end Budget Summary
 - Steve Prell reviews the Un-audited Year-End Budget
 - Audit scheduled for June 29 and 30, 2020
 - Motion to approve the Un-audited Year-end Budget by Sandi Cihlar, seconded by Danielle Yuska. Motion carried, budget approved.
8. Discussion/possible action – 2020 Budget Adjustments
 - Steve Prell reviews the adjustments created by the MIPPA grant, Prevention funds, Federal COVID funding, and DCS grant.
 - Complete adjustments in the packet.
 - Motion to approve the budget adjustments by Mike Feirer, seconded by Dona Schwichtenberg. Motion carried, adjustments approved.
9. Discussion/possible action - Citizen Board Member Application - Doug Machon
 - Motion to approve citizen member application for Doug Machon by Danielle Yuska, seconded by Sandi Cihlar.
 - Motion to table discussion of approval of application by Bill Clendenning. No second.
 - Motion to approve citizen member application for Doug Machon carried with one nay: Bill Clendenning
10. Discussion/possible action – Final review of Gift Policy
 - Motion to approve the Gift Policy by Danielle Yuska, seconded by Dick Hurlbert. Motion carried, policy approved.
11. Discussion/possible action – Landline Infrastructure Decline sample advocacy letter
 - Discussion to mention of 911 specifically and to have Board Chairman Tim Buttke sign on behalf of the Board added to the letter.

- Motion to approve advocacy letter with additions by Will Hascall, seconded by Norbert Ashbeck. Motion carried, letter approved with additions.

12. Discussion/possible action – Director’s Report

- Full report in the packet.
- Jonette Arms reminded the Board of technology usage survey and gave an update on the organizations plan for a safe opening amid COVID and the repeal of the Safer at Home order.
- Mike Rhea provided an overview of the activities with the Resource Services staff.
- Pa Thao provided an overview of the organizational service statistics.
- Jennifer Cummings updated the Board with the DCS hire, Scott Seeger, and challenges of the caregiver support staff working remotely with families. Jennifer is working with the state and Ronda James to develop a method of registering and distributing Senior Farmers’ Market Voucher.
- Ronda James provided an update with nutrition services and program successes along with compliments from customers and family members.
- Erin Wells provided the Board with the many new volunteers in each area that have come forward during this time of COVID.
- Angela Hansen provides the Board with a technology update. The organization has moved to G Suite for email, calendar, and video conferencing. The telephone system is outdated and new products are being researched. The goal is to afford the specialists more flexibility and mobility with the new phone system.
- Jonette Arms continued the discussion with information on the Wisconsin Rapids lease agreement and an upcoming meeting with the new mayor. Bill Clendenning requested to be a part of the meeting.
- Jonette Arms also updated the Board on its request for information regarding the acquisition of Adult Protective Services (APS).

13. Discussion/possible action – APS Presentation – Brenda Christian, Supervisor

- Brenda Christian provided a high-level overview of APS services and how those services often overlap the services provided by the ADRC-CW resource specialists.

14. Future Agenda Items

- Representative Mary Felzkowski
- Resource Center process: What happens when you call the ADRC-CW

15. Adjournment

- Dick Hurlbert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Norbert Ashbeck. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angela Hansen



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

WHEREAS: Marathon County's older adults are valued members of our society and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; enabling them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities;

WHEREAS: As our population lives longer and as our demographics shift – noting that every day 10,000 persons turn 65 in the US which will continue for the next 20 years – we are presented with an opportunity and need to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

WHEREAS: Abuse and neglect of older adults is an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries;

WHEREAS: Combating the abuse of older people will help improve their quality of life in our communities and will allow older persons to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Marathon County;

WHEREAS: In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS: 2020 marks the 15th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults;

WHEREAS: We are all responsible for building safer communities for our older adults and all citizens and increasing awareness will assist in the prevention of elder abuse;

THEREFORE I, Kurt Gibbs, Chairman of the Board of Marathon County, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020 as **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** in Marathon County and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

Dated on this _____ day of 2020 by _____.

Marathon County, Code of Ordinances
Chapter 2 - The Governing Body
Sec. 2.05 - County Statutory, Program, Joint Committees and Task Forces

As a general rule, Marathon County Program, Statutory, Joint Committees and Task Forces will have no more than three County Board Supervisors appointed to their membership. Exceptions exist in this document, where it isn't yet clear that adjustment of membership down to a maximum of three County Board Supervisors would be in the best interest of the residents of Marathon County.

Sec. 2.05(11) - Transportation Coordinating Committee

- (a) Committee Type and Reporting Relationship: Statutory Committee as described in Administrative Code Trans 2.10.
- (b) Mission/Purpose Statement: To coordinate the county's specialized transportation.
- (c) Statutory Responsibilities: Described in Trans 2.10 of State of Wisconsin Administrative Code to coordinate the county's specialized transportation.
- (d) Membership: Per Trans 2.10 membership must include representation from at least the following: County Board; County Aging Unit (ADRC); County Department of Social Services; 51.42 Board member; transportation providers (public, proprietary and nonprofit); elderly and disabled citizen advocates; and consumer and agency advocates. A total of nine members consisting of:

- 3 County Board members – Bruce Lamont, Jeff Johnson, Ka Lo,
- 1 ADRC Board member – Tim Buttke (Chair),
- 1 DSS Board member – William Harris (Vice-Chair),
- 1 51.42 Board member – Romey Wagner,
- 1 Transportation provider - Greg Seubert, Metro Ride,
- 1 Elderly and disabled advocate – Kathi Zoern, Citizen Advocate,
- 1 Consumer and agencies advocate – Ben Lee, United Way

Members are appointed by the County Board Chair and confirmed by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors.

- (e) Member Term: Committee members will serve a two-year term. 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/Responsibilities:
 - 1. Provide leadership for the identification of, and propose solutions for, transportation needs of specialized populations residing in Marathon County.
 - 2. Evaluate Marathon County's transportation services policy including, but not limited to, vulnerable populations.

3. Provide leadership for the development and submit for review and approval by the Marathon County Health and Human Services Standing committee, Marathon County's 85.21 grant application.
 4. Provide leadership for the coordination of transportation services for Marathon County residents who are eligible to participate in services provided by the Marathon County 85.21 grant.
 5. Provide leadership for regional cooperation and coordination of transportation services for eligible populations.
 6. Monitor the expenditures of transportation funds being expended on transportation services for elderly and disabled in the service area.
 7. Review passenger transportation plans for the service area.
 8. Review and comment on county aid applications under § 85.21, [Wis.] Stats.
 9. Review and comment on capital assistance applications under § 85.22, [Wis.] Stats.
 10. Act as an informational resource for local transportation providers regarding the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC 1201 et seq.
 11. Act on requests by local public bodies to be designated as coordinators of transportation services for elderly and disabled persons for the purpose of becoming eligible for assistance under the federal sec. 5310 program.
- (g) Other Organization Relationships: Reports to the Health and Human Services Committee of County Board.

Wisconsin Administrative Code

Trans 2.10 Local public body applicants.

- (1) DEFINITION. In this section, “transportation coordinating committee” means a committee appointed by the county board for coordinating the county's specialized transportation which:
- (a) Includes members representing at least the following:
 1. County board;
 2. County aging unit;
 3. County department of social services or county department of human services;
 4. County boards created under s. [51.42](#) or [51.437](#), Stats.;
 5. Transportation providers — public, proprietary and nonprofit;
 6. Elderly and disabled citizen advocates;
 7. Consumer and agency advocates; and
 - (b) Has at least the following duties:
 1. Monitor the expenditures of transportation funds being expended on transportation services for the elderly and disabled in the service area;
 2. Review passenger transportation plans for the service area;
 3. Review and comment on county aid applications under s. [85.21](#), Stats.;
 4. Review and comment on capital assistance applications under s. [85.22](#), Stats.;
 5. Act as an informational resource for local transportation providers regarding the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, [42 USC 12101](#) et seq.; and
 6. Act on requests by local public bodies to be designated as coordinators of transportation services for elderly and disabled persons for the purpose of becoming eligible for assistance under the federal sec. 5310 program.
- (2) ELIGIBILITY. In order to apply for capital assistance under s. [85.22](#), Stats., a local public body shall satisfy one of the following conditions:
- (a) Is determined by the department to be eligible for assistance under the federal sec. 5310 program after first certifying to the department that no private, nonprofit organizations as specified in s. [Trans 2.015 \(2m\)](#) are readily available to provide transportation services to elderly and disabled persons in a proposed service area and providing all of the following or similar documentation supporting such certification:
 1. Copies of letters sent to all known private, nonprofit organizations specified in s. [Trans 2.015 \(2m\)](#), both within the county wherein such organizations are situated and in adjacent counties, soliciting interest in providing transportation services for elderly and disabled persons in the proposed service area, along with copies of any resulting correspondence.
 2. A certified copy of a public notice published in the appropriate official county newspaper soliciting responses from private, nonprofit organizations as specified in s. [Trans 2.015 \(2m\)](#), both within the county wherein such organizations are situated and in adjacent counties, interested in providing transportation services to elderly and disabled persons in the proposed service area, along with copies of any resulting correspondence.
 - (b) Is approved by the department to be the coordinator of transportation services to elderly and disabled persons in the proposed service area. A local public body shall be approved by the county board and a transportation coordinating committee which satisfies the membership requirements in sub. [\(1\) \(a\)](#). The department may waive the membership requirements in sub. [\(1\) \(a\)](#) if the county board provides satisfactory evidence that the county board made a reasonable attempt to include members of all groups

identified in sub. [\(1\) \(a\)](#). The applicant shall provide all of the following or similar documentation to the department verifying such approval:

1. Copies of documentation showing that a transportation coordinating committee approved the local public body as the coordinator of transportation services for elderly and disabled persons in the proposed service area.

[Trans 2.10\(2\)\(b\)2](#). 2. A certified copy of the resolution, passed by the county board, approving the local public body as the coordinator of transportation services for elderly and disabled persons in the proposed service area.

History: Cr. [Register, December, 1994, No. 468](#), eff. 1-1-95; am. (1) (a), (b) 6., (2) (a) (intro.) and (b) (intro.), renum. (1) (a) 3. to 6. to be (1) (a) 4. to 7., cr. (1) (a) 3., [Register, October, 1999, No. 526](#), eff. 11-1-99; [CR 03-007](#): am. (1) (b) 1., 2. and 5. [Register August 2003 No. 572](#), eff. 9-1-03.

Specialized Transit Programs (Wis. Stats. § 85.21, 85.215 and 85.22)

Program Overview:

- Specialized transit service is defined as being targeted toward a specific demographic group such as seniors or individuals with disabilities
- Counties, other local public bodies and non-profit organizations are eligible for funding
 - Operating costs include labor, fuel, maintenance, volunteer drivers, vouchers, etc.
 - Capital costs include vehicles, equipment and mobility management positions

Program Funding:

- Programs are administered on a calendar year basis with applications for funding occurring in the summer / autumn
- Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties [Wis. Stats. § 85.21] 2017-18 - \$14,193,900 SEG and 2018-19 - \$14,477,800 SEG
 - By statute, funding is allocated across all 72 counties via formula based on the proportion of senior and disabled population
 - At a minimum, counties receive 0.5% of the total appropriation
 - Counties are required to contribute 20% cash match
- Specialized Transportation Program [Wis. Stats. § 85.22] 2017-19 Biennium - \$912,700 SEG annually
 - Supplements federal Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310)
 - Funds are awarded for capital projects through a competitive application process with awardees required to contribute 20% cash match
 - Funding has remained flat for 10+ years
- Tribal Elderly Transportation Grant Program [Wis. Stats. § 85.215] 2017-19 Biennium - \$396,000 PR annually
 - Funding increased by \$148,500 in 2018 and are allocated equally among 11 federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin
 - Tribes are required to contribute 20% match

Challenges:

- The proportion of the senior population is growing throughout Wisconsin. Residents are increasingly choosing to age in place and are attempting to maintain independence. As a result, the demand for specialized transportation is growing
- Providing specialized transit service is becoming more challenging, particularly in rural parts of the state where the population density is lower, distances to access services are greater and increasingly difficult to find paid and volunteer drivers

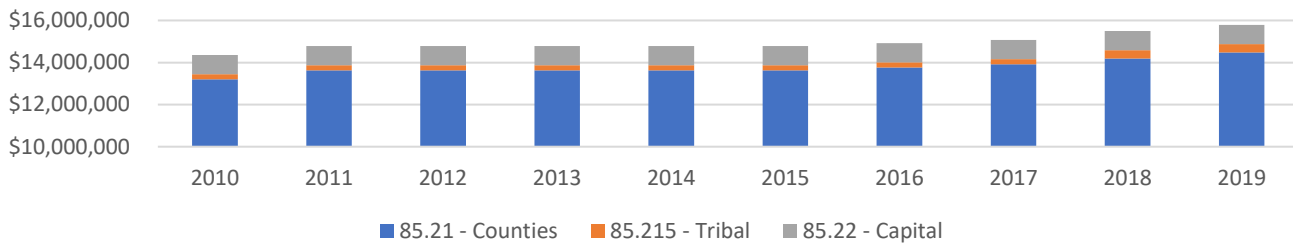
Policy and budget opportunities:

- Increase the funding available for specialized transit programs
- Reestablish formalized coordination efforts among state agencies with transportation interests (e.g. Transportation, Health Services and Veterans Affairs)

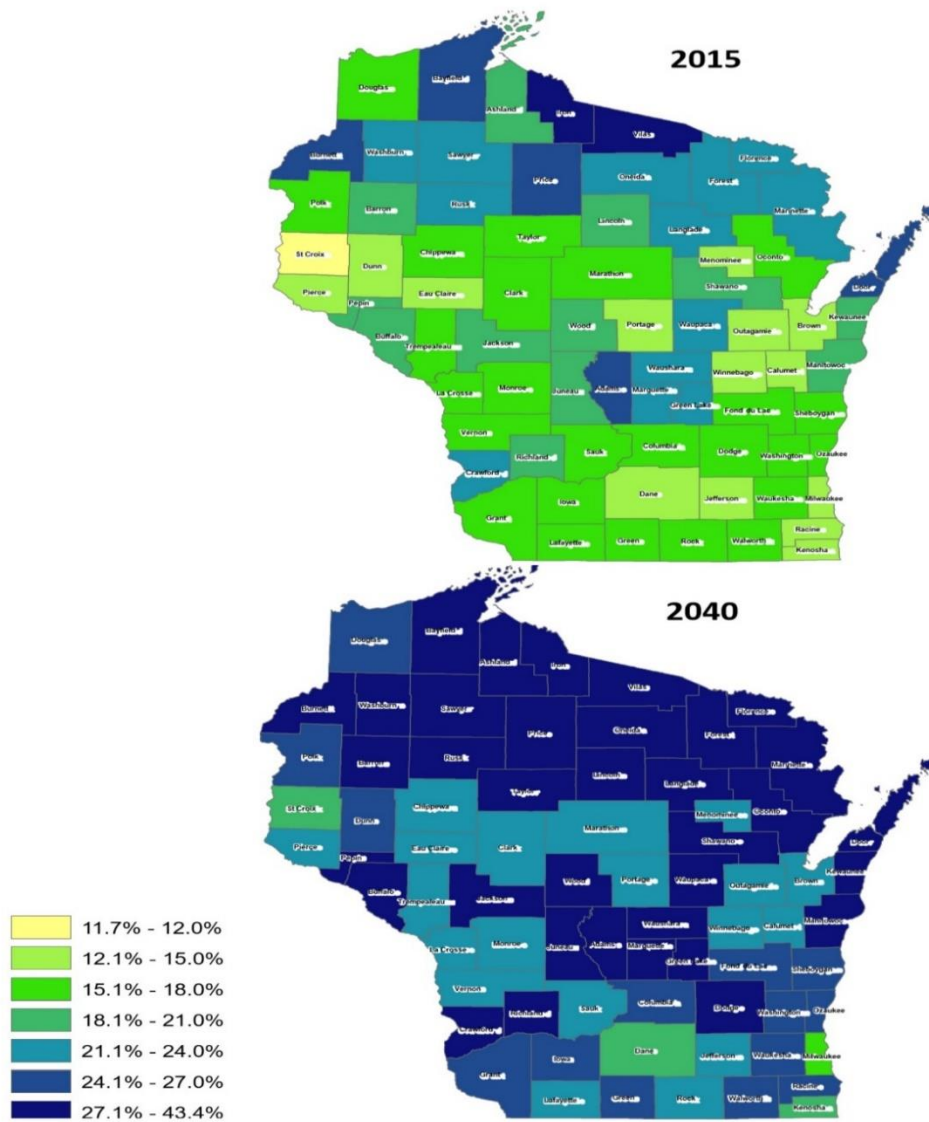
Transportation Stakeholder Task Force



Specialized Transit Funding Levels



Percent of Population Age 65 and Older by County in Wisconsin



Wisconsin Department of Health Services - Division on Long Term care