



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, November 26, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Matt Bootz, Chair	X	
Tim Buttke, Vice Chair	X	
Bill Miller		X
Donna Krause	X	
Katie Rosenberg	X	
Maynard Tremelling	X	
Mary Ann Crosby		X

Also Present: John Robinson, Craig McEwen, Lance Leonhard, Vicki Tylka, Joan Theurer, Dave Mack, Brian Kowalski, Peter Weinschenk, Kurt Hase, Michael Loy, Owen Reissmann

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Bootz called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **Public Comment:**

Kurt Hase appears thanks the Committee for placing the Medical Marijuana issue on the ballot. He requests that the Committee consider sending a letter to elected officials the body's next meeting specifically highlighting the results of the referendum. Hase delivers a draft of such a letter to committee members for their respective review.

3. **Approval of the October 22, 2018, Committee meeting minutes**

MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY BUTTKE, TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 22, 2018, MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action: None**

A. State of Wisconsin Public Health Associations 2019 – 2020 Legislative Priorities (Theurer)

1. What role, if any, does the committee envision playing in advancing these policy priorities, either in the State or within Marathon County? Do they fit into our Strategic Plan?
2. What additional information, if any, does the committee believe it needs from staff to advance these priorities?

Discussion

Marathon County Health Officer Joan Theurer appears before the committee to discuss the priorities identified by the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) and the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) for the 2019-2020 legislative session. Theurer begins by noting that 40% of one's health is influenced heavily by socio-economic factors. In short, she explains that where you are born and where you live significantly impact your long-term health outcomes.

Theurer proceeds to discuss each of the priorities, including Justice Reform, Early Childhood Education, Housing, and Income Stability & Employment. Theurer explains that these priorities are embodied within Marathon County's Strategic Plan, specifically, objectives 3.3, 3.7, and 7.2. Theurer explains that she understands that the Wisconsin Counties Association is currently examining how to support these efforts.

Committee members express support for the priorities presented by Theurer, noting the connection between these priorities and the objectives identified within the Strategic Plan. Multiple members express support for authoring letters of support to local legislators relative to these priorities.

Robinson expresses the important role that the Board of Health can perform.

Chair Bootz indicates that there may be value in having Start Right presentation to the full board.

Action:

No action taken

Follow Through:

No follow through needed

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

A. Approval of the 85.21 Transportation Grant (Dave Mack)

Discussion

Dave Mack, Marathon County CPZ/Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Program Manager, appears before the committee and presents the proposed 85.21 Transportation Grant Agreement. The 85.21 program is offered by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and provides for specialized transportation assistance for elderly and disabled populations. Mack explains that our program is delivered by two providers: NCHC and Metro Ride. Mack indicates that the grant program is expressly provided for in statute, requiring a public hearing and approval by the County Board. Mack explains that in Marathon County, the Transportation Coordination Committee is tasked with oversight of the grant application and grant dollar usage.

The Transportation Committee is a program committee that reports to this Committee.

Action:

MOTION BY ROSENBERG; SECOND BY TREMELLING TO FORWARD THE 85.21 TRANSPORTATION GRANT ON TO COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow Through:

No follow through needed

B. 2019 Meeting Dates and Time

Discussion:

Chair Bootz references that the 2019 Committee meeting dates, times, and locations are set forth in the packet for the meeting. This topic was not formally discussed by the Committee.

Action:

No action taken.

Follow Through:

No follow through needed

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Strategic Plan Objective 3.3 – Ensure that every child makes it to adulthood with health, safety, and growth opportunities.

1. Overview of next steps and envisioned format for County’s plan to create a trauma-informed response system.

Discussion:

Vice-Chair McEwen appears before the committee to review the committee’s efforts relative to the Strategic Plan priorities. McEwen reviews the “Strategic Plan Priority – Designation of Lead Committees and Departments” document set forth in the packet, highlighting each of the three (3) objectives for which this committee is designated as the lead committee. McEwen references the value of consulting the Life Report for data and background, as the information and objectives are quite similar to those identified by the county. McEwen emphasizes to committee the need to identify policy changes that committee can make to impact the outcome measures referenced in the

Strategic Plan. A committee member references that an important aspect of the committee's work may be in revising or repealing existing policies and that the committee should not only be focused on creating new policies.

Department of Social Services Director Vicki Tylka explains the proposed process for the Committee to evaluate the County's work relative to creating a trauma-informed response system. Tylka notes that an educational presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is being scheduled in connection with a joint meeting with Public Safety in January or February. Tylka explains that this session should provide a strong foundation for the committee's future work. Tylka and Deputy Administrator Leonhard explain that this process will involve a report that identified an inventory of our practices, gaps in programs and services, and an assessment of the resources that would be necessary to fill those gaps. Board Vice-Chair McEwen references a desire to have the Public Safety Committee involved in some discussions. Consensus emerged amongst committee members that the education relative to ACEs and the proposed report format would assist the committee in following through on its obligations relative to the Strategic Plan.

Follow Through:

Discussion to continue at future meetings.

7. Next meeting Logistics and Topics:

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion:
 - 1. Objective 7.2 – Mitigate the impacts of heroin and methamphetamine – How would the committee like to move forward in light of the staff report delivered in September 2018?
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, December 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

8. Announcements:

Chair Bootz reports that he will be on NACo's steering committee relative to Health & Human Services issues. Bootz indicates that he will report to the committee issues that are being addressed on a national level and that this is an excellent opportunity for the county to bring issues of concern to NACo.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY BUTTKE, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared
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on January 18, 2019.