



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 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: Lance Leonhard, Michael Loy, Scott Corbett, Joan Theurer, Brian Kowalski, Peter Weinschenk

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of the April 22, 2019, Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY BUTTKE TO APPROVE THE APRIL 22, 2019 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:

A. . Consideration of proposed amendment to Marathon County Ordinance section 2.05(1) relating to the membership of the Board of Health.

Discussion:

Health Officer Joan Theurer explains that the Board of Health (BOH) is requesting that the HHS committee recommend amending the existing county ordinances relative to the membership of the BOH. Specifically, the BOH recommends that the ordinance be amended to align with the requirements under state statute relative to membership. Theurer provides further background for the request and answers questions from committee members.

Action:

Motion to recommend the proposed amendment of Marathon County Ordinance section 2.05(1) for consideration by the County Board by Buttke, second by Miller. Motion carried

Follow through:

Proposed amendment to be forwarded to the full board for consideration.

B. Potential resolution recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marathon County

Discussion:

Supervisor Rosenberg explains her request for the committee to recommend to the full board that it recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marathon County. Rosenberg explains the proposed resolution, which highlights the significant importance mental health plays relative to individual and community well-being.

Action:

Motion by Rosenberg, second by Miller, to approve the resolution

Follow through:

Resolution to be forwarded to the full board for consideration.

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

A. Update from Retained County Authority Committee

1. Recent efforts
2. Upcoming issues – Identification of 2020 Budget Priorities for North Central Health Care – committee members are encouraged to offer their perspectives on the issues the RCA should set as the most pressing priorities for the coming year

Discussion:

Deputy Administrator Lance Leonhard provides an overview of the roles of the Retained County Authority Committee, as well as its primary oversight and priority setting obligations and responsibilities under the Tri-County Agreement. Leonhard explains that in recently the committee has continued its considerable efforts with North Central Health Care staff to develop program goals and assessment criterion. Leonhard further indicates that recently the committee has been working to complete the annual evaluation of NCHC CEO Michael Loy.

With respect to the identification of annual budget priorities, Leonhard explains that the RCA set the following annual priorities in 2018 and 2019, respectively:

2018: Expanded Case Management for individuals under Court Orders, Implementation of a Youth Crisis Stabilization Group Home, Expansion of medically monitored treatment, expansion of community based residential facility capacity, implementation of a Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART), study the feasibility of altering our crisis billing practices, and evaluating the opportunity for local crisis stabilization resources in Langlade County.

2019: Develop a comprehensive continuum of care relative to Youth Crisis, clarification of available programs and services and access mechanisms, and develop strategies for increased information sharing between NCHC and county agencies.

Leonhard explains that currently the RCA has focused on limiting the proposed priorities for 2020 to ensure NCHC has capacity to accomplish our goals. Leonhard explains that NCHC and the RCA have been discussing expanding sober living environments and the proposed shifting of Birth to Three and Adult Protective Services, along with the significant logistical issues that will flow from the reconstruction project as primary priorities. Committee members discuss the ongoing work of the RCA and its proposed priorities. Consensus emerges that focusing on the already existing priorities and a successful construction project are the most pressing issues facing the county and NCHC.

Action: None taken

Follow through: Leonhard to proceed to RCA meeting with information from committee.

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

- A. Update on assessment and planning relative to potential transfer of Birth to Three program from NCHC to Marathon County Special Education and on potential transfer of Adult Protective Services from NCHC to Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin

Discussion

Michael Loy appears before the committee and provides an update to each issue, explaining that the genesis of these discussions was an evaluation by NCHC to identify potential areas that were not clearly within the core mission of NCHC: complex behavioral health and skilled nursing. Loy further

explains that the planning process relative to the transfer of Birth to 3 is more complete than that process with respect to Adult Protective Services.

Loy explains that the Marathon County Special Education Board, NCHC Board, the RCA and the member counties, all have been part of discussion and the consensus amongst all bodies is that there is considerable benefit to the counties and the individuals that we serve to make the transfer. Loy explains the proposed sequence for effectuating the transfer of the program, as laid out in the transfer agreement.

7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:

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

B. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room

8. Announcements:

City of Wausau Plan Commission

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY BUTTKE TO ADJOURN THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:52 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared
By Lance Leonhard
on May 20, 2019.