



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, June 24, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Courthouse Assembly Room (B105), 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI 54403

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Matt Bootz, Chair		EX
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, Dr. Mary Jo Freeman, Bob Stasney, John Robinson, Laura Scudiere

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of the May 20, 2019, Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY ROSENBERG TO APPROVE THE MAY 20, 2019 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:

A. Transfer of Birth to Three from North Central Health Care to Marathon County Special Education Consideration of Policy Question – “Should NCHC work with its county partners to facilitate the transfer of the Birth to 3 Program from NCHC to Marathon County Special Education?”

Discussion:

NCHC Human Services Operations Executive Laura Scudiere appears before the committee and answers questions relative to the transfer.

Action:

MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY CROSBY, TO REQUEST THAT NCHC WORK WITH ITS COUNTY PARTNERS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF THE BIRTH TO 3 PROGRAM FROM NCHC TO MARATHON COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

Issue to be considered by county board.

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

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Keeping Areas Teens Safe (KATS) – presentation by Mary Jo Freeman relative to the group’s local efforts

Discussion

Dr. Mary Jo Freeman and Bob Stasney appear before the committee to explain the genesis of the Keeping Area Teens Safe (KATS) program locally, indicating that there is significant population of homeless children in our local, Marathon County school districts. Dr. Freeman explains that the group has achieved its 501(c)(3) designation and has worked closely with the United Way and other local stakeholders to address the lack of resources for homeless children in our area.

Dr. Freeman explains that the law permits organizations like KATS to house up to eight (8) homeless children for up to 30 days at any time. Dr. Freeman provides data to the committee to

demonstrate the need for this resource in our community and articulates that the KATS organization is built on successful models from other jurisdictions. Dr. Freeman indicates that the organization has received a grant for \$250,000, with which it was able to secure a physical location. The group is currently working toward securing the appropriate state licensure and is intending to open the home in the last quarter of 2020. KATS is actively seeking grant funding from various sources, including numerous local foundations.

Freeman indicates that it is the intention that referrals to KATS come from “homeless liaisons” within local organizations, schools, the sheriff’s office, any other entity, and self-referral.

Freeman and Stasney answer questions from the committee. County Board Chair Gibbs provides a general explanation of the county board budget process, suggesting that should the KATS organization wish to obtain county funds, it make a formal request, in writing, to the Marathon County Administrator.

7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:

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

B. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room

8. Announcements:

Committee member explains that on July 9, a Fibromyalgia Support Group will be meeting at the Marathon County Public Library.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY MILLER, TO ADJOURN THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:51 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared
By Lance Leonhard
on June 24, 2019.