



MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, July 22, 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		EX
Bill Miller		EX
Donna Krause	X	
Katie Rosenberg	X	
Maynard Tremelling	X	
Mary Ann Crosby	X	

Also Present: John Robinson, Sandi Cihlar, Michael Loy, Lance Leonhard, Peter Weinschenk, Joan Theurer

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Bootz called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

2. Approval of the June 24, 2019, Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY TREMELLING TO APPROVE THE JUNE 24, 2019 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action: None

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

5. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Presentation from the Board of Health relative to the potential impact of Medicaid Expansion

Discussion

Board of Health Chair John Robinson, Board of Health member Sandi Cihlar and Marathon County Health Officer Joan Theurer appear before the committee. Robinson explains that the BOH has been evaluating the potential impact of Medicaid expansion on access to health care for residents in the State of Wisconsin. Robinson explains that expanding access to health care is extremely important in the county’s pursuit of its goal of being the healthiest, safest, and most prosperous.

Theurer explains to the committee that much of the information that she is delivering was received from policy experts with the State Department of Health Services and other public health professional organizations.

Theurer explains that since 1970, WI has fallen from 7th to 27th. In state health rankings, WI ranks in the bottom quartile of state for per capita public health funding. Theurer discusses the concept of health equity and how inequity in health, and health care access, impacts our community and the State. Theurer also explains to the committee that under the previously proposed Medicaid expansion, the State of Wisconsin would receive significant amounts of new funding. Theurer explains that in Marathon County, \$1.1 million would be devoted to programming related to childhood lead poisoning and abatement, \$1.8 million for programming for new mothers, approximately \$1 million for dental related services, approximately \$1 million for expanded behavioral health programs, \$1.6 million for children’s long-term support, \$1.5 million for physician funding, \$8.6 million for increased hospital funding, and other important program funding.

Robinson explains that the Board of Health has adopted the resolution supporting federal Medicaid expansion, which was circulated to the committee.

Follow up:

None at this time. Committee Chair to consider further action, including further education on Medicaid practices relative to incarcerated individuals.

B. Presentation from Chair Bootz on Health and Human Services issues discussed at NACO

Discussion

Chair Bootz expresses to the committee that he recently attended NACO and will work with county administration to make materials available to committee members. Bootz explains that many of the presentations were similar to the presentations from the last session.

Bootz specifically references presentations that he attended relative to marijuana legalization and Medicaid coverage rules for incarcerated individuals.

Follow up:

County Administration to work to make these materials electronically accessible to committee members.

6. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:

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

B. Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, August 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room

7. Announcements:

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, **MOTION BY ROSENBERG, SECOND BY CROSBY, TO ADJOURN THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:49 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared
By Lance Leonhard
on July 22, 2019.