



# MARATHON COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

Monday, August 26, 2019 at 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		EX
Donna Krause	X	
Katie Rosenberg	X	
Maynard Tremelling	X	
Mary Ann Crosby	X	

**Also Present:** John Robinson, Craig McEwen, Joan Theurer, Lance Leonhard, Brian Kowalski, Dale Ryman

**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 July 22, 2019, Committee meeting minutes.**

**MOTION BY BUTTKE, SECOND BY TREMELLING TO APPROVE THE JULY 22, 2019 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**A. Referral from the Board of Health – Creation of a Workplace Naloxone Use Program**

1. Policy Question – should the committee direct the County Administrator to develop a workplace Naloxone Use Program?

**Discussion:**

Board of Health Chair John Robinson and Marathon County Health Officer Joan Theurer explain that the Marathon County Board of Health has been further examining the previously authored report on Strategies to Mitigate the Impacts of Heroin and Methamphetamine and have identified the creation of a countywide Naloxone Use Policy as a potential strategy. Theurer explained that this issue has also been a topic of statewide discussion within her professional organization. Theurer and Robinson explain the nature of Naloxone and its benefits with respect to opioid overdose and review the information provided within the policy memorandum from the Board of Health.

Robinson explained that the Board of Health moved forward a recommendation that Marathon County Administration investigate whether developing a Workplace Naloxone Use Program was feasible. Robinson explains that The Board of Health also offered two considerations when conducting that examination:

1. County Department Heads with oversight by the Marathon County Administrator are in the best position to determine the need and feasibility of establishing a workplace naloxone use program.
2. County employees who have frequent visitors, clients, or other members of the public who may be at increased risk of opioid overdose may benefit from educational information on opioid overdose in recognizing an overdose and how to seek help.

Robinson and Theurer also answer questions from the committee.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY ROSENBERG TO RECOMMEND THE COUNTY BOARD CONSIDER AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL WORK PLAN TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DEVELOP A WORKPLACE NALOXONE USE PROGRAM, SECOND BY BUTTKE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow up:**

Action to be moved forward for consideration to the County Board

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

**6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

A. Marathon County 2018-2022 Strategic Plan – discussion with Board Vice-Chair

1. Review of Objectives where the committee has been designated at “lead committee”
2. What discussions has the committee had to move the objectives forward and what discussions should it have in the future?

**Discussion:**

County Board Vice Chair McEwen explains his ask of the committee relative to the Strategic Plan Annual Report, specifically requesting that each committee review its respective agendas since the adoption of the Strategic Plan and identify those discussion topics and actions taken by the Committee that directly relate to the objectives within the Strategic Plan that were assigned to the Health & Human Services Committee.

One committee member notes that the committee would benefit from “being more intentional” with respect to the Strategic Plan objectives, both in noting them on meeting agendas and in discussion.

**Follow up:**

Chair Bootz will put together a draft outline of the information sought by the Vice Chair for the committee review at the next meeting.

B. Medicaid Benefits for Incarcerated Individuals: Termination vs. Suspension and efforts of staff to learn more

**Discussion**

Deputy Administrator Leonhard provides a general overview of the difference between policies that provide for the termination of Medicaid benefits upon incarceration and policies that provide for the suspension of Medicaid benefits upon incarceration explaining why these policies have significant impact on individuals upon their release from the county jail.

Leonhard explains that in conducting research requested by Chair Bootz and Supervisor Rosenberg, he learned that a mechanism appears to exist whereby counties can enter into direct intergovernmental agreements with the State Office of Medicaid to operate as a “suspension county” despite the fact that the State of Wisconsin is a “termination state.” Leonhard indicates that based on the information that he learned, he is convening a small work group to learn more about this potential and to engage the State in discussion to evaluate the feasibility of such an intergovernmental agreement. Leonhard answers questions from committee members. Consensus emerges amongst members that the county should move forward with learning more.

**Follow up:**

Deputy Administrator Leonhard to update the committee as appropriate.

**7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:**

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

Committee members offer the following potential items to discuss:

- Update on the work of the Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART)
- Resolution declaring September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month with an educational

component as part of the discussion.

- Broadband Expansion – importance for provision of medical / behavioral health care
- Board of Health Resolution on Medicaid Expansion

B. Next Scheduled Meeting: moved to Monday, September 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room to accommodate the Wisconsin Counties' Association meeting.

8. **Announcements:**

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 5:00 p.m.**

Minutes Prepared  
By Lance Leonhard  
on August 26, 2019.