



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.**

Meeting Location: **Employee Resources Conference Room (C149), 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Health & Human Services Committee Members: Matt Bootz, Chair; Tim Buttke, Vice-chair, Bill Miller; Donna Krause, Mary Ann Crosby, Maynard Tremelling, Katie Rosenberg

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Health & Human Services Committee Mission Statement: *Provide leadership for the implementation of the strategic plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to health and human services initiatives of Marathon County.*

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment (15 minute limit)
3. Approval of the August 26, 2019, Committee meeting minutes.
4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action:
 - A. Resolution Declaring September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Marathon County
 - B. Resolution approving the Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: None
6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion
 - A. Update on Marathon County's efforts to pursue a policy suspension, as opposed to termination, of Medicaid benefits for individuals incarcerated in the Marathon County Jail.
7. Next Meeting Logistics and Topics:
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 - B. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

"Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Matt Bootz
Presiding Officer or Designee
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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.

RESOLUTION R-____-19

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN
MARATHON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, suicide is the act of intentionally causing one’s own death. Depression, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, personality disorders and substance abuse are risk factors; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma puts a person at high risk for suicidality. This includes bullying, prejudice, sexual abuse and being separated from family in foster care; and

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to encourage people to learn more about suicide and resources available to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, in a typical year Marathon County will experience 16 – 18 deaths by suicide; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is an atypical year and we experienced 24 suicide deaths and thus far in 2019 we have already had 19 confirmed suicides; and

WHEREAS, suicidal thoughts and suicide can affect anyone regardless of age, sex, income level or race. Our 2018 Marathon County data shows more male deaths (19) than female (5) and the most prominent age range is 30 – 39 (9), while our 2019 Marathon County data shows thirteen (13) male deaths and six (6) female deaths, with the most prominent age range being 40 – 49 (5); and

WHEREAS, local organizations like Prevent Suicide Marathon County and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that too many still find difficult to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness can be difficult subjects for many that have not been educated on the topics; and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Strategic Plan prioritizes areas that can help reduce the number of suicides including better access to mental health treatment and addressing the heroin and methamphetamine epidemic; and

WHEREAS, consistent with our goal of being the healthiest and safest County in Wisconsin, we encourage all residents to learn more about suicide and resources that are available in our community and nationally to help people who are considering suicide receive treatment to address their underlying issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kurt Gibbs, Chair of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim each September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Marathon County.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2019.

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Fiscal Impact: None

RESOLUTION R-_____ - 19

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

This agreement entered into on the 17th day of September, 2019 by and between Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region.

WHEREAS, Marathon County has an identified need and interest in joining the Central Wisconsin Housing Region, which includes the counties of Adams, Green Lake, Juneau, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood, to provide decent housing, and

WHEREAS, Marathon County contemplates submitting jointly with the Central Wisconsin Housing Region an application for funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing program of the Wisconsin Division of Housing (DOH) for the purpose of meeting those needs, and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region desire to and are required to, enter into a written cooperative agreement with each other to participate in such CDBG program, and

WHEREAS, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region understand that Juneau County will act as the applicant (Lead), and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under the terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the grant contract, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and DOH have access to all participants' grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 66.0301, Marathon County and the Central Wisconsin Housing Region agree to cooperate in the submission of an application for such funds, and agree to cooperate in the implementation of the submitted CDBG program, as approved by the Department of Administration.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority which it presently possesses.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2019.

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Fiscal Impact: None