

**MANITOWOC COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Department Board met at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

Board Members Present: Agnew, Brey, Bruns, Klein, Muench, Naidl, Ruggirello, Schiesl, Shimulunas

Board Members Excused:

Board Members Absent:

County Board Members Present: J. Falkowski

County Staff Present: Ader, Fure, Huss, Joas, Johnson, Kubec, Mutchie, Ziegelbauer

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HSD BOARD MEMBER – Jim Brey

Jim Brey introduced new HSD Board member, Nicholas Muench.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER PERTAINING TO THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHIMULUNAS, SECONDED BY AGNEW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2ND MEETING. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

We will have a closed session regarding the budget at the June 27th meeting.

EDUCATION TOPIC – SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (SUD) – Jerome Mutchie.

Jerry Mutchie, certified Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor, works as and a substance use disorders counselor in our clinical services division. Jerry educated the board about the continuum of care we provide for people with substance use disorders, ways in which our system has evolved since 2017, funding sources, the role of trauma in substance use disorders, the use of Narcan to prevent overdose deaths and how our staff interface with law enforcement.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR APRIL, 2024 – Jessica Huss

We are projecting a deficit of \$3,266,833 for 2024. We have been working with auditors and working on the April print-out all week. We will have more accurate numbers next month.

Questions were opened to the HSD Board and any county board members in attendance.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS: Lori Fure

Lori introduced herself and staff present to new board members. She gave an overview of the programs and services Human Services provides and handed out a packet of information including an organizational chart of workers in our agency, a list of programs and services we provide, a list of frequently used acronyms, and a list of some of the mandates that affect Human Services.

She discussed some of the position changes made in the last few years to help reduce high-cost placements and assist areas of need within our department, mainly crisis and child protective services.

QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON THE STATUS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT: Lori Fure

Is there any way to get more information out in the public of all the services Human Services provides? There was discussion about printing the distributed information in the newspaper or on our website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on June 27, 2024 at 4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at Manitowoc County Human Services, 801 Jay Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY RUGGIRELLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 5:33 P.M., MOTION CARRIED.