

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Department Board met at 4:25 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

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

Board Members Excused: None

Board Members Absent: None

County Board Members Present: Grambow

County Staff Present: Conrad, Fure, Huss, Joas, Johnson, Ledvina, Ziegelbauer

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

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY RUGGIRELLO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 23rd MEETING. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

EDUCATION TOPIC – Deflection and Diversion Grant – Stacy Ledvina

Stacy Ledvina educated the board about the Deflection and Diversion Grant. Ms. Ledvina explained the purpose of the grant is to set up innovative programming to deflect and divert troubled youth in a more positive direction. Manitowoc County received the first grant in for programming planning, and a second grant was awarded in 2024 – 2025 to implement the program. Many community stakeholders have been involved in the program including, but not limited to law enforcement, judicial, District Attorney’s office, Public Defender’s office, and CESA 7. Second grant includes full funding for a .75 Community Navigator position.

Chairman Brey requested to take action on agenda item #6.

REQUEST TO CREATE A FULLY-FUNDED .75 COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR POSITION FOR THE JUVENILE DEFLECTION AND DIVERSION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM GRANT – LORI FURE

Director Fure presented the position request and answered questions from the board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY BRUNS TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A .75 COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR POSITION. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR MAY, 2024 – Jessica Huss

We are projecting a deficit of \$2,471,816.00 for 2024.

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

DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS: Lori Fure

Director Fure reported on the success of the annual picnic for children placed in out-of-home care. . Safety concerns about the building that currently houses the Youth Wellness Center were shared. The staff are currently seeking out a new location. Economic Support currently has three vacant positions, and is preparing for one retirement in the near future. There is one open position in CCS, and one open position in CSP.

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

There were no questions asked.

CLOSED SESSION - DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PRODUCTION FARM CCS CONTRACT

MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY SCHIESL AT 5:07 PM. TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION. ROLL CALL VOTE AGNEW – AYE, BREY – AYE, KLEIN – AYE, MUENCH – AYE, NAIDL – AYE, RUGGIRELLO – AYE, SCHIESL – AYE, AND SHIMULUNAS – AYE. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY SCHIESL AT 5:35 PM. TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION. ROLL CALL VOTE AGNEW – AYE, BREY – AYE, KLEIN – AYE, MUENCH – AYE, NAIDL – AYE, RUGGIRELLO – AYE, SCHIESL – AYE, AND SHIMULUNAS – AYE. MOTION CARRIES.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on August 22, 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 SCHIESL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 5:37 P.M., MOTION CARRIED.