

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Department Board met at 4:13 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2024 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

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

Board Members Excused: Agnew

Board Members Absent: None

County Board Members Present:

County Staff Present: Franzen, Fure, Huss, Joas, Johnson, Kubec, Spyropoulos

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

None

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 27, 2024 MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCHIESL, SECONDED BY BRUNS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 27TH MEETING. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

EDUCATION TOPIC – Community Support Program (CSP) – Dr. Basil Spyropoulos and Crystal Franzen, RN.

Dr. Spyropoulos and Crystal Franzen gave an informative talk on their work with clients with serious, persistent mental illness. The CSP program is one of the critical programs at Human Services that work to keep people out of mental health institutions. They work to get clients stable, through medication management, counseling, many group activities and socialization.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR JULY, 2024 – Jessica Huss

Copies of the projected budget were distributed to board members.

Questions were opened to the HSD Board members in attendance.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE INVESTMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING - BOARD CHAIRMAN JIM BREY.

The Wisconsin Counties Association requested counties sign a resolution in support of more State investment for mental health funding. Jim Brey read the resolution to members.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RUGGIRELLO, SECONDED BY MUENCH TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE INVESTMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING, MOTION CARRIED.

The official resolution will go to the September 17th County Board meeting.

REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) SUPERVISOR POSITION. – LORI FURE

Our Outpatient Clinic Manager resigned. We will not find another individual that meets all the qualifications necessary per the new DHS 75 to provide clinical supervision for mental health and SUD. Since we have an acute need for a supervisor with the SUD credentials, we are requesting creation of this position now.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY SCHIESL TO CREATE AND FILL A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SUPRVISOR POSITION, MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS - Lori Fure

Lori informed the board that a car crashed into the Hamilton building and it received some significant structural damage. Insurance should cover expenses. They will be building a temporary wall but the visit center may be unavailable for 2 – 3 weeks.

This year we are contractually obligated by the state to be working on implementation of National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health Care. This impacts all of our DHS programs and services. We have an implementation guide from the state that suggests resources be allocated to this purpose. An internal workgroup has been formed and is in the process of assessing each program area. This will be a very time-consuming project.

Lori educated the board about our increase in Medicaid billing over the years, the risks and the benefits of Medicaid billing. As part of the risks, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is currently auditing \$500,00 in CCS services from 2022. We should have preliminary results of that audit in 90 days.

There is a new Lakeshore Regional Child Care Advocacy Center where forensic interviews can take place in Sheboygan. This means less travel for forensic interviews.

We have a large State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant that runs annually from Oct-Oct. We had a recent virtual site visit from the state grant coordinator that went well. Our staff are doing an excellent job with required data collection. Applications for the next SOR grant, starting Oct 1 have not yet been released. This makes planning for 2025 a challenge.

The drug court picnic was held on Sunday, with over 100 attendees. Quote shared, “people are thriving, people who would not have had a chance at recovery without this department’s services.”

Lori shared a recent success story from the Children and Families Division.

David Foster will receive a recognition award for his work with youth from the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association at the association’s annual conference on Sept. 18th.

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

There were no questions asked.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on September 26, 2024 at 4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at Manitowoc County Human Services Hamilton location, 808 Hamilton Street, Room 130.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY SCHIESL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 5:28 P.M., MOTION CARRIED.