

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Department Board met at 4:16 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 808 Hamilton Street, Room 130, 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: None

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

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

None

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 22, 2024 MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY SCHIESL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 22ND MEETING. MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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

There were no questions asked.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR AUGUST, 2024 - Jessica Huss

Copies of the projected budget were distributed to board members, and questions were opened to the HSD Board members in attendance.

Deputy Director Jessica Huss provided a brief overview of the department's financial performance, and the projected deficit for 2024. County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer reminded the committee that the projected deficit was expected to be higher than we are currently projecting. Discussion ensued about revenue sources.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS - Lori Fure

Director Fure announced that Jerry Mutchie accepted the newly created SUD Supervisor position. Recruitment to fill his vacated position has commenced.

Director Fure provided an update on the damage to the Hamilton Street Building incurred from 8/16/24 car accident. Work to repair the damage has begun. The projected completion date is November 1, 2024.

Update on state required “Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services” standards. Internal workgroup has completed assessments on nearly all DHS programs and services the department.

Deputy Director Betsy Johnson recently provided in-service training for Aurora Healthcare staff on crisis services and the Ch. 51 detention process.

The Community Support Program (CSP) held their annual picnic on Friday September 13, 2024. Food for the picnic is funded by donations from staff and family members of former clients.

Lisa Stephan, Manager of Human Services Department’s Family Resiliency Unit and Tessa Randolph, children’s waiver specialist were guests on the September 20th “Hello Lakeshore” podcast to provide information about Manitowoc County’s two parent cafes and the Community Baby Shower.

Director Fure shared a recent Child Protective Services (CPS) success story that involved incredible teamwork, many hours of additional work and three siblings with significant developmental delays who were ultimately placed with relative instead of in foster care.

Director Fure also shared a substance abuse success story of a former drug court participant who recently contacted county staff to interview them for a college writing assignment. Someone who had a child placed in out of home care, went from jail to treatment at Human Services to full time employment in the recovery community and reunification with her child. We now know this person is long term recovery, has had continuous employment and is working on a bachelor’s degree with plans to continue for a master’s degree.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on October 24, 2024 at 4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at Manitowoc County Human Services, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

EDUCATION TOPIC - TOUR OF THE YOUTH WELLNESS CENTER – Lori Fure and Stacy Ledvina

Board members were provided a tour of the vehicle damage, and the newly constructed Youth Wellness Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY KLEIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 4:37 P.M., MOTION CARRIED.