

**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, March 27, 2025 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 4319 Expo Drive, Conference Room #300, Manitowoc, WI.

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

Board Members Excused: Agnew, Ruggirello

Board Members Absent:

County Board Members Present: Martell

County Staff Present: Ader, Antinoja, Crilly, Fure, Huss, Joas, Kubec, Reindl, Stephan, Ziegelbauer

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

None

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MINUTES:

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

EDUCATION TOPIC – CHILDREN’S LONG-TERM SUPPORT (CLTS), BIRTH TO 3, AND COORDINATED SERVICES TEAM (CST) – LISA STEPHAN AND LISA REINDL.

Lisa Stephan and Lisa Reindl gave an overview of the CLTS, Birth-3 and CST programs which serve 700 Children in Manitowoc County with physical or developmental disabilities.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2024 – Jessica Huss

We have finished up the 2024-year end process and our unaudited deficit is \$2.819 million. Our external auditing partners will be on-site in a few weeks, if they identify anything that we missed during the audits those changes will be made.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 2025 – Jessica Huss

Deputy Director Jessica Huss provided a brief overview of the department’s financial performance so far for 2025. It is very early, but right now the year is starting out well and we show a surplus of \$354,000. Jessica will be meeting with the County Finance Director to discuss making some budget adjustments.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON AGENCY OPERATIONS - Lori Fure

Director Fure attended the last County Board meeting and did a presentation on our CCS program. There were good questions asked.

There was an incident yesterday in our clinical services area. A client experiencing psychotic symptoms became physically aggressive. No staff were hurt, but the patient required restraint by 4 police officers and 2 paramedics.

Since the last HSD Board meeting, we have been working with 3 youth who were planning potential school shooters. They all had at least one day of secure detention. Once is still there and will likely need a longer-term placement elsewhere.

This week there was a jury trial for a termination of parental rights. Our CPS ongoing workers have been working on it since 2019. The case involved threats to staff and was generally very stressful for everyone involved. The jury decided in favor of the termination of parental rights,

There was a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Lakeshore Child Advocacy Center in Sheboygan. Since it is so close it will be very helpful to our agency. The center provides forensic interviews of children that are legally defensible in court and minimize trauma.

Director Fure said there has been a change in which county is responsible for clients placed in facilities in other counties. In the past, the placing county would be responsible and that is not always the case now.

QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON THE STATUS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

There was a question asking if there are residency requirements and since we have a good drug court program and sober living facilities in our county are other counties sending people here and now, we have to pay for them. Residency requirements are they have to live here for 30 days.

There was also a question on open positions in the agency. We currently have a Clinical Services Supervisor position, a CPS Ongoing position, an Economic Support position and a CCS position. We also have a Transportation Specialist position we are not filling for right now and a Family Support Worker position that we are not filling immediately.

DISCUSSION ON THE 2024 - 2025 HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET – Chairman Jim Brey

Nothing additional.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on April 24, 2025 at 4:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Manitowoc County Human Services, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MUENCH, SECONDED BY KLEIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 5:19 P.M., MOTION CARRIED.