

## **Minutes of the Combined Health & Human Services Board & Committee**

**Thursday, September 10, 2020**

Chairs Dondlinger and Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Tim Dondlinger, Kathleen Cummings, Jeremy Walz, and Joel Gaughan. **Absent:** Jim Batzko, Steve Whittow, and Ted Wysocki.

**Board Members Present:** Supervisors Larry Nelson, Christine Howard, Duane Paulson, and via Teams, Citizen Members Mary Baer, Mary Berg, Dr. Adel Korkor, Robert Menefee Jr., Laurie Schwartz, and Mike Goldstone. **Absent:** Citizen Members Christine Beck and Vicki Dallmann-Papke.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Intake and Shared Services Division Manager Kathy Mullooly, Adolescent and Family Division Manager Ron Pupp, Child and Family Division Supervisor Eric Calvino, Veteran's Services Officer John Gaidosh, Business Services Administrator Donn Hoffmann, Business Application Support Administrator Sandra Masker, and Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer.

### **Committee Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of 8-19-2020**

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Walz to approve the minutes of September 19. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- 10-8-20

### **Board Agenda Items**

#### **Approve Minutes of 7-9-2020**

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Schwartz to approve the minutes of July 9. Motion carried 9-0.

#### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Chairs of advisory committees gave updates to the Health & Human Services Board.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- 11-12-20

#### **Family First Prevention Act (*Board and Committee*)**

Mullooly and Pupp were present to discuss this item as outlined in "HHS Family First Readiness Info Sheet." The goals of this initiative include building local prevention services to keep children safely in their homes through approved evidence-based programs; increase the number of children served in a family setting and support relatives, like kin and foster families to care for children

including children with complex needs; and reduce congregate care to clinical stays and create a new congregate care setting to provide time-limited, high quality clinical care.

**Veterans' Report (Committee)**

Gaidosh discussed the 2019 Annual Report of the Veterans Services Division as outlined. The total number of veterans in Waukesha County as of September 30, 2019, per VA figures was 20,600. This does not include the number of dependents of veterans which, when added with the veteran population, can easily triple this figure. Per Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs data, the veteran population in Waukesha County is 93% male and 7% female. Only 38% are in the working ages of 18 to 64 years old. In 2019, there were 8,522 phone calls (a 28% increase), 8,093 e-mails, and 3,218 client visits to the office. Fifty-nine appearances on behalf of veterans were made. The Milwaukee Vet Center had 881 client contacts in our office. The division started a partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to bring a Disabled Veteran Outreach Program specialist in once a week to assist disabled veterans with finding the right jobs. The Guitars for Vets program graduated eight veterans, maintaining a 100% completion rate. Benefits in 2019 reported by state and federal agencies totaled \$302,930,079 which include home loans, medical expenditures, compensation and pension, education benefits, and insurance and indemnities.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Gaughan to accept the 2019 Annual Report of the Veterans Services Division. Motion carried 4-0.

**Review and Approve Revised HHS Board Advisory Committees' Bylaws (Board)**

Nelson reviewed the revised bylaws for the advisory committees as outlined.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Korkor to approve the revisions to the Mental Health Advisory Committee bylaws as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

MOTION: Schwartz moved, second by Baer to approve the revisions to the Substance Use Advisory Committee bylaws as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

MOTION: Menefee moved, second by Schwarz to approve the revisions to the Child & Family Service Advisory Committee bylaws as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Goldstone to approve the revisions to the Public Health Advisory Committee bylaws as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

**Capital Project #202014: HHS Electronic Medical Record Module Improvements (Committee)**

Hoffmann and Masker were present to discuss this capital project as outlined in the 2021-2025 Capital Projects plan. No major concerns were voiced.

MOTION: Gaughan moved, second by Walz to recommend approval of Capital Project #202014 to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

**Ordinance 175-O-045: Modify the Department of Health and Human Services 2020 Budget to Accept the CARES COVID-19 Test Coordination Grant Funding and Appropriate Additional Expenditures (Committee)**

Setzer discussed this ordinance which authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to accept a grant award of \$513,200 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This ordinance also modifies the department's 2020 budget by increasing general government revenues by \$513,200. This ordinance appropriates personnel expenses by \$275,000 for the purposes of hiring a full-time limited term testing coordinator and funding limited term contact tracers and disease investigators for school strike teams with the goal of containing outbreaks in schools. Operating expenditures are increased by \$238,200 to pay for the cost of sending COVID tests to an alternate lab with a quicker response time when a quicker response time is warranted (i.e., two days instead of over a week with the state lab).

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Gaughan to approve Ordinance 175-O-045. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Cummings to adjourn the committee meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Korkor to adjourn the board meeting at 2:51 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeremy Walz*

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