

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201,
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Alan Jaques.

ROLL CALL: Present Alan Jaques, Pat Ryan, Michael Raunio, June Farkas, Marquise Slay, Mark Liebaert, Kelly Peterson (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Amida Gallito (arrived at 4:44 p.m.). Absent – Jim Bolin. Others Present – Erick Hudson, Erika Johnson, Kathy Ronchi, Joan Finckler, Dave Longsdorf, Anna Carlson, Cary Breitlow, Cindy Ellefson, Mary Jones, Ann Doucette, Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ryan, second Raunio, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF: Ashley Luna – Adult Services.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: (reports attached with agenda)

- a. **Veteran Services:** E. Hudson: Incorrect report was included with agenda and will be distributed. Currently under budget.
- b. **Mental Health/AODA:** D. Longsdorf: One additional staff member. Gas station TV advertisement regarding opioid usage has been running and has seen good success and inquiries.
- c. **Intake and Assessment:** C. Ellefson: Fully staffed. Very busy in department.
- d. **Youth and Family Services:** C. Ellefson: More referrals coming in from Intake and Assessment, down two social workers and down one social service aide. Delinquency reports increasing.
- e. **ADRC/LTS/CLTS:** E. Johnson: Significant amount of outreach taking place with dementia services. New staff member starting soon. Referrals continuing to come in.
- f. **Economic Support:** C. Breitlow: Fiscal year programming grant ending causing individuals to lose significant benefits in Food Share and Medicaid. Two retirements in the department.
- g. **Public Health/Environmental Health:** K. Ronchi: Currently below benchmark in children's vaccine rates. Fewer hospitalizations for cases of Covid. Program evaluation with DNR taking place soon.

ACTION ITEMS:

Respite care rate increase: Memo included with agenda.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Peterson, second Raunio, to increase fee for respite care rate to \$35 for Level of Need 1 or 2, \$45 for Level of Need 3, \$55 for Level of Need 4, and \$65 for Level of Need 5 or 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency placement rate: Memo included with agenda.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Peterson, second Raunio, to implement emergency placement rate of \$50 for one-time payment for emergency placements with licensed foster care providers. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: 2022 final numbers from Finance Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ryan, second Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk