

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, August 9, 2018, 4:30 p.m., Courthouse, Room 207C
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Quam.

ROLL CALL: Present – Larry Quam, Jim Bolin (arrived at 5:12 p.m.), Patricia Ryan, June Farkas, Marvin Finendale, Amida Gallito (arrived 4:36 p.m.). Absent – Alan Jaques. Others present – Todd A. Peterson, Jerry Moe, Doreen Wehmas, Hillary Peterson, Kathy Ronchi, Erika Leif, Dave Longsdorf, Brian Erickson, Larry Lull, Beck Gourde, Steven Engleson, Joan Finckler, Mark Liebaert, Carissa Skifstad, Ann Doucette, Pat Schanen, Kaci Lundgren (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ryan, second Farkas, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2018, meeting with following correction: Under social worker position requests, the second paragraph, second sentence should read: “Wisconsin County Human Services Association is recommending standards for cases. Per staff person is 10 for on-going cases; county is at 18.” Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

To Solicit Input on the Department of Health and Human Services’ 2019 Service and Budget Planning: Hillary Peterson, Executive Director of Health Care Clinic, Inc., requested \$20,000 funding from 2019 budget; funding crucial to operation of clinic.

Steve Engleson, Human Development Center, spoke regarding the Comprehensive Community Services partnership with county. Program funded through state and federal dollars; no county contribution required. Program to begin January 2019.

ACTION ITEMS:

Veteran Transportation Services Recommendation: Memo from Erickson detailing his review of services and recommendation to discontinue Douglas County veterans van service. 59.7% decline in van ridership since 2017. There are two other area service providers. Wisconsin DAV Transportation Services operates 5 days a week and could handle additional riders if Douglas County van transportation discontinues. DAV riders must gather at Twin Ports VA Clinic to board bus and return; Douglas County van currently picks up and drops off riders at their homes. DAV Transportation will not drive past noon on Fridays due to heavy traffic flow, citing safety concerns; Douglas County van stays until appointments are complete. An estimated savings of \$22,800 will occur if van service is discontinued.

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Gallito, to refer item to next meeting for further input from local veteran organizations and solutions for conveniences that will be removed if service discontinues. Motion carried.

Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee By-laws: There are 2 sets of by-laws; Schanen will research and present for approval at next meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Finendale, to refer item to next meeting. Motion carried.

Children’s Community Options Program – Advisory Committee By-laws: Included with agenda for review by committee. Advisory committee was previously known as Family Support.

Policy: Additional sentence added to cover financial aspect of unspent funds.

ACTION: Motion by Ryan, second Finendale, to approve addition of sentence to policy as follows: “If the crisis funds are not totally expended by December 1st, remaining funds will be available for the CLTS match or for other CCOP service needs.” Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Included with agenda; reviewed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Comprehensive Community Services Update: CCS is a voluntary program that will serve a variety of children and adults in Douglas County. Mental Health and AODA focused, inquiries from citizens that do not qualify for current programs may benefit from CCS. Human Development Center is administering program for county.

CY 2018 Budget: Distributed; Human Services 21% over budget in contractual services due to institutional costs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Douglas County veterans van service; caseload presentation.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ryan, second Farkas, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk