

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 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, Michael Raunio, Kelly Peterson, Pat Ryan, Marquise Slay, Mark Liebaert. Absent – June Farkas, Amida Gallito, Jim Bolin. Others Present – Anna Carlson, Joan Finckler, Kathy Ronchi, Erika Johnson, Lindsay Cassidy, Heather Nelson, Leslye Trettel, Mary Jones, Cary Breitlow, Ann Doucette (arrived 4:32 p.m.), Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ryan, second Peterson, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF: Lindsay Cassidy – Social Service Aide. Heather Nelson – Youth Justice. Leslye Trettel – Office Associate.

PUBLIC HEARING: To solicit input on the Department of Health and Human Services' 2023 service and budget planning: No one in attendance provided input.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: (reports attached with agenda)

- a. **Veteran Services:** Not present.
- b. **Mental Health/AODA:** A. Carlson; Increase in APS reports.
- c. **Intake and Assessment:** K. Nelson; Uptake in reports with school year beginning.
- d. **Youth and Family Services:** A. Carlson; One long-term high-cost placement child, approx. \$36,000 per month.
- e. **ADRC/LTS/CLTS:** E. Johnson; Dementia programming being pushed by specialist for ADRC. Referrals continuing to come for children's program, staffing may need to be increased with increasing cases.
- f. **Economic Support:** C. Breitlow; Waiting on public health emergency to end which would mean increasing workload. Working to remodel lobbies in the third and fourth floor offices.
- g. **Public Health/Environmental Health:** K. Ronchi; Decline in routine childhood vaccines however, in recent months has increased. Covid vaccine clinic still in effect at the Government Center, once state accepts new vaccine including Omicron, it will be made available. Birth to 3 program is back under public health, significant increase in cases in this program. 14 children reported with elevated blood-lead level. Working on tobacco prevention and community health plans. Environmental health has finished fiscal year and will be working on inspections soon. Environmental health specialist has resigned but will work part time until position is filled. Testing, vaccinations and reports on Covid are still coming in, hospitalizations have dropped significantly.

ACTION ITEMS:

Projected 2023 Budget: Veterans Services: Budget increased by \$5,561.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Raunio, second Slay, to approve Veteran's Service budget and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried.

Projected 2023 Budget: Human Services: Could not increase levy in either department, many increases in the human services area. Indirect costs went down.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Peterson, second Ryan, to approve proposed Human Services budget and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried.

Projected 2023 Budget: Health Department: No increases to budget.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Ryan, second Peterson to approve Health Department budget and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SABG Block Grant use: A. Carlson updated on what grant will be used for. Opportunities include beginning the process of contracting a para specialist to treatment court, working to obtain electronic monitors and breathalyzers for treatment court, and reaching out to elementary schools to work on mental health in young children.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ryan, second Raunio, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk