

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2021, 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, Kelly Peterson, June Farkas, Marquise Slay. Absent – Amida Gallito, Jim Bolin. Others Present – Anna Carlson, Dave Longsdorf, Joan Finckler, Doreen Wehmas, Cindy Ellefson, Erika Johnson, Mark Liebaert, Carolyn Pierce, Kathy Ronchi, Cary Breitlow, Erick Hudson, Mary Jones, Julie Hudecheck, Paige Vizanko, Maija Wehmas, Ashley Webber, Angela Wilson, Michelle Pope, Tatiana Bergum, Laura Gapske, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Ryan, second Raunio, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF:** Julie Hudecheck, Information and Assistance Specialist (ADRC), Ashley Webber, Social Worker (Intake and Assessment Unit), Paige Vizanko, Social Worker (Youth Justice Unit), and Maija Wehmas, Environmental Health Specialist, introduced.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Human Trafficking Task Force – Laura Gapske:** Laura Gapske and Tatiana Bergum presented on the City of Superior Human Trafficking Task Force Commission. 94 human trafficking cases reported in Wisconsin in 2019; actual number may be much higher due to non-reporting. Prosecution of trafficking (labor and sex) is more prevalent in populous areas, so traffickers are moving to communities that are more rural. School boards and other counties are lobbying for Safe Harbor Law to state. Local awareness and prevention groups connecting throughout Wisconsin for a more uniformed effort at state level.

**Human Trafficking Response Team – Angela Wilson and Michelle Pope:** Angela Wilson and Michelle Pope presented on the Douglas County Sex Trafficking Response Team. Individuals on team represent City of Superior and Douglas County departments and organizations that may respond to emergency sex trafficking situations, on an as-needed basis. Members attend routine trainings on sex trafficking and meet to discuss rapid deployment for situations and follow-up resources.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution to Support the Efforts of the Douglas County Sex Trafficking Response Team and City of Superior Human Trafficking Task Force Commission:** Resolution drafted by Health and Human Services Director included with agenda; Corporation Counsel distributed resolution, with revisions. Resolution addresses importance of efforts to combat human trafficking and the efforts to ensure Douglas County is safe for all individuals.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Ryan, second Raunio, to adopt resolution drafted by Corporation Counsel and include language about recommending appointment to City of Superior

Human Trafficking Task Force Commission by County Board Chair and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution Requesting Elimination of Badge Care Eligibility Cliff:** Current process drops individuals of coverage if income goes above threshold (which could be a small increase of five cents). Resolution encourages state to implement a proportionate sliding fee scale that lessens the contribution amount toward coverage as income increases, rather than a complete removal.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Farkas, second Peterson, to approve resolution and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

*Ryan left at 6:16 p.m.*

**UPDATES AND REPORTS:** Included with agenda; reviewed.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**2021 Budget Update:** Projected to be at or under budget.

**ACTION:** Motion by Raunio, second Peterson, to extend meeting beyond two-hour limit. Motion carried.

**Day in the Life (ADRC) – Erika Johnson:** Erika Johnson presented on the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) and its processes. The ADRC works with individuals that are elderly and/or have physical, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Johnson outlined a typical day as a staff member and the situations that may be encountered.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Diversity and inclusion training; a day in the life presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Raunio, second Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren  
Committee Clerk