

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, December 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C,
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Alan Jaques.

ROLL CALL: Present – Alan Jaques, Michael Raunio, June Farkas, Mark Liebaert (made quorum), Jim Bolin (arrived 4:32 p.m.). Absent – Larry Quam, Patricia Ryan, Amida Gallito. Others present – Pat Schanen, Doreen Wehmas, Dave Longsdorf, Kathy Ronchi, Erika Johnson, Cary Breitlow, Brian Erickson, Eric Henrich, Aubre Cooling, Erick Hudson, Kaci Lundgren (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Farkas, second Jaques, to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

Introduction of New Staff: Eric Henrich, Environmental Health, Aubre Cooling, Intake and Assessment, and Erick Hudson, Veterans Service Office, introduced.

Presentation - Vaping Related Lung Injury in Wisconsin: Kathy Ronchi presented on vaping and its effects on health. The liquid has many chemicals including nickel, lead and tin; these stunt brain development in adolescents and encourage addictive behavior at an early age. Thousands of hospitalizations and many deaths across the country have occurred. THC, the euphoric component of cannabis, mixed with vitamin E as a thickening agent, have proven to be the most damaging. There is little regulation involved with vaping. Out of local high school students surveyed, one in four vaped, with over half having at least tried it. The marketing, along with dessert flavors, make vaping appealing to younger ages.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Included with agenda; reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Veterans Service Office Budgetary Transfer to Release Reserve Amount to Cover Assistance to Veterans: Funds will provide additional veteran assistance; available in reserve.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Liebaert, second Raunio, to approve budgetary transfer as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

Resolution Asking Governor Evers and the WI State Legislature to Apply for a Waiver from Federal Rules Excluding Institutional Stays from Medicaid Coverage: Federal rules prohibit state from using Medicaid funds for specific institutional stays; county responsible for all costs.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Raunio, second Liebaert, to approve resolution and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Correspondence - Price County, Resolution to Wisconsin State Legislature Regarding Additional Funding for Child Protective Services: Previous agenda item; funding was approved by state.

Kenosha County, Resolution Regarding Application for Waiver from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the Medicaid Exclusion: Previous agenda item; approved by state.

Door County, Resolution Requesting Wisconsin State Legislature to End Use of Personal Conviction Waivers for School and Daycare Center Immunizations – E-mail from Madison Elmer 10/27/19 – Removing Parental Rights, Vaccines and Mandates and E-mail from Karin Nye 11/2/19 – WI Resident Opposed to Removing Personal Conviction Waivers: E-mails received from many individuals with the Wisconsin Coalition on Freedom opposing removal of personal conviction waivers. Douglas County has a vaccination rate of 85%. Subject will continue to be monitored.

CY 2019 Budget: Through October 2019, Human Services is over budget \$1 million dollars with Health under budget \$100,000.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Personal conviction waivers.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Liebaert, second Farkas, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk