



BOARD MINUTES

WRIGHT COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

February 13, 2023

Tina Diedrick	District 1
Darek Vetsch,	District 2
Jeanne Holland	District 3
Nadine Schoen	District 4
Michael Kaczmarek,	District 5

DATE APPROVED: March 13, 2023

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Wright County Health & Human Services Board met in regular session at 1:30 p.m. with Diedrick, Vetsch, Holland, Schoen and Kaczmarek present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Cecilia Webb, Case Aide
Christine Treichler, Social Services Supervisor
Diane Erkens, Social Services Supervisor
Eleanor Vanasse, Public Health Nurse
Jami Goodrum, Director
Jill Pooler, Social Services Manager
Jon Young, Public Health Supervisor
Kai Sin, Health Promotion Coordinator
Karly Jo Youngs, Social Worker
Kate Dahl, Account Manager
Keith Bennett, Health Promotion Coordinator
Kelsey Brandt, Office Technician I
Kimberly Johnson, Financial Services Manager
Lisa Spencer, Office Manager
Marsha Kutz, Fiscal Officer
Mason Coaty, Technical Support Specialist
Megan Ward, Public Health Nurse
Michelle Czech, Financial Services Supervisor
Michelle Miller, Social Services Manager
Michelle Richer, Social Worker
Misha Simons, Social Worker
Ndaya Kisongo, Health Promotion Coordinator
Rebecca Graham, Public Health Nurse
Sandy Iversen, Eligibility Specialist
Sarah Grosshuesch, Public Health Director
Sophie Sazdoff, Health Promotion Coordinator
Tammi Martens, Financial Services Supervisor

Other:

Joycelyn Alexander

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Correction to 2023-01-09 Minutes: Consent Agenda – Item V, A, 1 & 2:

Vanessa Murray, District 1 – applied for HHS Advisory Committee

Shauntel Fett, District 5 – applied for Mental Health Advisory Council

Kaczmarek requested clarification on *Item II, 2023 Board Reorganization*, refuting his appointment to Vice-Chair. Minute-taker to review the video coverage and confirm at the next meeting.

ACTION: Kaczmarek moved, Schoen second, to approve the 2023-01-09 minutes, with the return of the minutes at the March HHS Board to confirm the Vice-Chair appointee . Motion carried.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Diedrick moved, Kaczmarek second, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – NEW MEMBERS

1. Christine Morris – District 2
2. Kelly Hildre – District 1

ACTION: Kaczmarek moved, Schoen second, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Staffing Announcement

1. New Hire
 - i. Sandy Iversen, Eligibility Specialist, Family & Adult Benefits Team – 2023-01-23
 - ii. Karly Jo Youngs, Social Worker, Assessment Services Team – 2023-01-23
 - iii. Kelsey Brandt, Office Technician I, Office Support Team – 2023-01-30
2. Employee of the Month – March
Michelle Richer is March Employee of the Year.

B. Social Services/Public Health/Financial Service

1. [PROCLAMATION: MARCH AS SOCIAL WORKER MONTH](#)

(MICHELLE MILLER, JILL POOLER)

ACTION: Diedrick moved, Holland second, to proclaim March as Social Worker Month. Motion carried via roll-call, 5-0.

2. PRESENTATION: [2023 MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL \(MHAC\) UNMET NEEDS REPORT](#)

(MHAC MEMBER JOYCELYN ALEXANDER)

Alexander presented the unmet needs report identified by MHAC. Homelessness remains a significant need in Wright County, as reflected in last month's Point in Time survey with 88 reporting as homeless compared to eight in January last year. Also, the ongoing shortage of Mental Health Professionals due to low compensation contributes to the lack of providers offering services to children struggling with thoughts of suicide and depression.

ACTION: Holland moved, Schoen second, to approve the 2023 MHAC Unmet Needs Report. Motion carried.

3. PRESENTATION: [STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP \(SHIP\)](#)

(KEITH BENNETT, ELEANOR VANASSE)

Presentation on background and goals of the SHIP program, its outreach initiatives and project implementation.

4. PRESENTATION: [CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT SURVEY](#)

(JAMI GOODRUM)

The 2019-2022 Customer Service Survey garnered a total of 658 respondents, reflecting an 83 percent satisfaction rate of Extremely Positive, with 67 percent of the responses coming from customers.

5. INFORMATION: [2023-01-25 HHS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES](#)

(JAMI GOODRUM)

HHSAC held an election of its officers, with Linda Antl appointed as Chair, Bradley Gangnon as Vice-Chair.

C. Administration

1. 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
(KATE DAHL)

The budget is at 100 percent of the year, with 104 percent in revenues and 99 percent in expenditures.

Income Maintenance Random Moment Study (IMRMS) Revenue at \$3.26M, with a \$3.69M target.

Social Services Time Study (SSTS) Revenue at \$2.04M, with a \$2.33M target.

Targeted Case Management (TCM) Revenue at \$1.16M, with a \$1.15M target.

Waiver Revenue at \$1.89M, with a \$1.87M target.

Out-of-Home Placement Expense at \$2.14M, with a \$1.38M target.

Public Health Revenue at \$2.24M, with a \$2.59M target

2. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

HHS recently received two grants from DHS: \$25K in January 2023 for Adult Mental Health Targeted Case Management Services for Uninsured Individuals and \$10K in December 2022 for Adult Protective Services for Covid19 Response.

HHS submitted a Letter of Support (LOS) for the Wright County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Co-responder application for the Minnesota Byrne JAG Grant Program.

Goodrum informed the Board that former Wright County Public Health Director Carol Schefers passed away yesterday. Schefers was vigilant in her oversight of Wright County's Public Health and lead significant initiatives including Safe Schools, Emergency Preparedness, began the Wellness on Wheels (WOW van) program and many others.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist