



BOARD MINUTES

WRIGHT COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

June 13, 2022

DATE APPROVED: July 11, 2022

Christine Husom,	District 1
Darek Vetsch,	District 2
Mark Daleiden,	District 3
Mary Wetter,	District 4
Michael Kaczmarek,	District 5

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Breanna Johnson, Social Worker
Christine Treichler, Social Services Supervisor
Diane Erkens, Social Services Supervisor
James O'Dell, Technology Supervisor
Jami Goodrum, Director
Jill Pooler, Social Services Manager
John Young, Public Health Supervisor
Joshuah Kwolik, Technology Coordinator
Kimberly Johnson, Financial Services Manager
LeeAnn Thimell, Social Services Supervisor
Mason Coaty, Technology Systems Specialist
Michelle Miller, Social Services Manager
Noami Blomberg, Administrative Specialist
Rebecca Graham, Public Health Nurse
Sarah Grosshuesch, Public Health Director

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

ACTION: Daleiden moved, Husom second, to approve 2022-05-09 minutes. Motion carried

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Daleiden moved, Vetsch second, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: On Kaczmarek's request to pull *Item B* for questions, Husom moved, Daleiden second, to approve the remaining items. Motion carried.

- A. ACCEPT MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION, RESIGNATION, TWO-YEAR REAPPOINTMENT
 1. Resignation - Katie Zehowski – District 1 (One Term)
 2. Application - Bradley Gangnon – District 5
 3. Reappointment – Cathy Elfstrand – District 2, End Of 3rd Term 2022-08-08
- B. APPROVE GRANT-FUNDED (DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES GRANT) OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR REBECCA GRAHAM AND RACHEL NELSON, 2022 JULY 17 – 22, ORLANDO, FL.
- C. APPROVE 2022-08-01 STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (SHIP) PLANING RETREAT, PUBLIC HEALTH, BERTRAM PARK, MONTICELLO
- D. APPROVE REQUEST TO CANCEL 2022-06-27 HHS BOARD MEETING

DISCUSSION OF *ITEM B*: DFC Grant-Funded Out-of-State Travel

Health Promotion and Protection Supervisor Jon Young gave background on what is covered by the grant and its purposes. The [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America](#) (CADCA) provides training to all DFC grant recipients. Public Health is on its second year of the grant, but missed this in-depth training last year due to COVID19. Young added that Public Health is now at a better place to send Graham and Nelson to the training, assuring the Board that their caseloads are covered by backup while they are away. Kaczmarek requested a brief report/summary to the Board on what they learned and how it impacts the County's service at a later HHS Board meeting, potentially August. Goodrum recommended to place future grant-funded out-of-state travel requests under the regular agenda, versus the consent agenda.

ACTION: Daleiden moved, Husom second, to approve *Item B*, DFC Grant-Funded Out-of-State Travel. Motion carried.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Staffing Announcement

1. New Hire
 - i. Breanna Johnson, Social Worker – Waiver & Community Supports Team, 2022-06-06
2. Employee of the Month – July
Roseanne Duran is July Employee of the Month. Roseanne will join the HHS Board meeting in July.

B. Social Services/Public Health/Financial Services

1. APPROVE RESOLUTION HHS 22-04 (CHILDREN & FAMILIES) COUNTY HEALTH PLAN RECOMMENDATION
ACTION: Daleiden moved, Wetter second, to approve Resolution HHS 22-04. Motion carried via roll call vote, 5-0.
2. INFORMATION: 2022-05-25 HHS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES (JAMI GOODRUM)
Outlined items discussed, including the committee request to be provided at next HSAC meeting the percentage of people experiencing homelessness in Wright County.

The HHS Board requested to bring homelessness information to the August board meeting – including information on the currently proposed three housing units in three Districts, seeking concept approval from Health & Human Services. Diane Erkens will discuss at the Director's Comments portion of this meeting.

C. Administration

1. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
Erkens outlined the eligibility criteria and process to refer homeless clients for affordable housing units. Daleiden is open to a meeting between the Board and the COC (Continuum of Care) management. The COC is a non-profit agency that coordinates persons on long-term homelessness list. Referrals to the entry list may come from different entities – the Salvation Army, HHS, and other agencies who can directly refer to the coordinated entry list. Erkens will provide the Board a summary of housing projects in Wright County.

HHS submitted today its application to renew the First Steps Evidence-Based Home Visiting Grant (EBHV) for continuation of services. This grant funds two full-time HHS staff.

According to information from the opioid settlement webinar, the receipt of payment could be as early as July this year.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will reimburse Wright County HHS a \$95K reduction in the cost of care liability after a Cost of Care Administrative Review was conducted on whether the delay in a patient's discharge from the Anoka Metro Regional Center was a result of the facility's recommendation for inpatient hospital care, which disagreed with the county's home support services discharge plan. Kudos to Diane Erkens and Michelle Richer for their diligence on the case.

Goodrum consulted with the Human Resources Director on availing fully-funded AmeriCorps positions for up to one year; said positions will be allocated to public health-related work, including environmental services, communications around COVID19 and mental health. Serve MN will determine if there is a \$5K fee cost to the county per position, otherwise, Grosshuesch said COVID grant can be accessed and used.

The All-Staff Training Day is on June 21, 10:30 – 4:00 p.m. HHS is open for emergencies only during this time.

Kudos to Robin Dorf, Case Aide in Social Services, for her outstanding work in foster care provider recruitment. Provider applications more than doubled from last year's and there are now several foster care providers opening their homes to teens. Robin's 11 years of experience, her school and community connections when she was handling the truancy program, contributed to the success of increased foster care provider enrollment.

HHS is developing an online application for the Opioid Advisory Committee – more updates in July.

Commissioner Vetsch left the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 2:13 p.m.

Submitted by Naomi Blomberg, Administrative Specialist