

RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Schneider at 9:01 a.m.

Board Members Present: Phil Schneider, Kathy Mai, Pete Boss, Roger Gierke, Dave Willingham, Randy Tatur, Dan Gudis, Charles Frafjord. Mark Schmitt and Thomas Hanson

Staff present: Ted East, Chris Kammerud, Jeremy Jacobs, Dawn Brost, Kristen Walters, Kathy Walthers.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Gierke, second by Gudis to approve the February 9th, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None Present.

Approval of Health & Human Services Vouchers and Out of County Travel Requests:

Ted East and Chris Kammerud explained special purchases and invoices and out of county travel. Motion by Gierke, second by Gudis to approve vouchers and out of county travel. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Announced by Chair Schneider.

Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, WI Stats 19.85(1)(c).

Motion by Boss, second by Gierke to enter into closed session. Roll call vote. Voting yes: 9. Voting no: 0. Voting yes: Boss, Tatur, Willingham, Mai, Gierke, Gudis, Schneider, Schmitt, Frafjord,

Closed session at 9:12 a.m.

Motion by Gierke, second by Schmidt to return to open session. Motion carried.

Open session at 10:31 a.m.

Motion by Boss, second by Tatur that the Health and Human Services Board recommends to the County Board, at the next scheduled meeting, that Jeremy Jacobs be appointed as the Health and Human Services Executive Director. Motion carried.

Committee discussed the concern of nepotism as defined in the Personnel Handbook, Chapter 4, Section 4 with the appointment of Jeremy Jacobs as the Executive Director of Health & Human Services. It was the consensus of the board to bring forth at the next meeting of the Personnel Committee a plan to remediate the issue in compliance with the established County personnel policy.

Adult Services/Behavioral Health:

Jeremy Jacobs presented the following the HHS Board

- Rebalancing Initiative
- CSP participant returned to the community.
- Recent participation in a Tri-AD meeting regarding Adult Protective Services
- Discussed Winnebago Placements

Public Health:

Dawn Brost and Kristen Walters presented the following to the HHS Board;

- Dawn reported on transition in Public Health with her appointment as the Interim Health Officer
- Kristen went through the proposed changes in Chapter 24 (Health and Welfare) ordinances. It was noted there are a significant amount of language changes based on adjustments made by the State of Wisconsin. (Included in the packet were changes to Chapter 24, proposed fees and impacted entities.)

Motion made by Frafjord, seconded by Willingham that proposed ordinance changes are forwarded to the County Board in a resolution format. Motion carried.

ADRC/Senior Services:

Kathy Walthers presented the following to the HHS Board;

- Reviewed ADRC Tri-County Advisory Committee minutes from March 7th, 2017
- Discussed the IPOD devices for music/memory/respite grant program
- Advocacy Bus Trip to Madison May 17th, 2017
- Sip & Swipe Grant (Program to help seniors learn to use electronic devices)
- Discussed the Adult Day Care facility operating in Ladysmith.
- Poverty Simulation event taking place March 23rd 2017 at Bruce School. (1-4)

Next meeting: April 13th, 2017

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Frafjord, seconded by Schmitt.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.