

RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Schneider at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

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

Staff present: Jeremy Jacobs, Chris Kammerud, Lori Davis.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by Gierke, second by Gudis to approve the May 11, 2017 HHS meeting minutes. Unanimously carried.

Public Comments: None

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

Kammerud and Jacobs reported on various purchases and invoices, and out of county travel. Motion was made by Gierke, seconded by Mai, to approve vouchers and out of county travel. Motion unanimously carried.

Health and Human Services Levy Balance Projections:

Kammerud and Jacobs explained HHS Levy balance projections for each HHS department. Kammerud reminded the Board the projections are based on three unfilled employee positions in HHS Department. Discussion held.

Health and Human Services Board Appointment

Jacobs stated that as discussed last month, due to the unexpected resignation of a Board member, there is a board position open. This appointment would be to fill the remainder of the term, ending in April, 2019. A nominee will be sought to fill the position, and will be placed on the July agenda.

Director Report:

Jacobs stated he is seeking approval from the HHS Board for removal of Dawn Brost's interim assignment to full status as the Public Health Officer. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Gierke to recommend to the County Board that Brost's Public Health Officer interim status be changed to full status. Unanimously carried.

Jacobs reported Christine Soltis has accepted the position of the Behavioral Health Coordinator and Adult Services Manager. Soltis will begin on June 26, 2017.

Jacobs reported on the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium's response to Rusk County not filling the Economic Support position created with employee retirement and promotion. Jacobs will attend a meeting at the end of June with the Consortium Managers to discuss this matter further. At present, our caseload hours versus hours committed by employees are closely balanced without filling this position.

Jacobs reported on assistance for the May 16, 2017 tornado victims in Rusk County. Upcoming events are planned to continue assisting those affected.

Economic Support:

Jacobs reported on activity in Economic Support and referred to the written report provided by Supervisor Lisa Strop.

Home Health Services:

Chris Atwood, Director of Home Health Services, made a presentation to the Board covering home health activity.

Veteran Services:

Jeremy referred to Veteran Service Officer Erik Stoker's written report.

Next meeting: July 13, 2017

A motion was made by Frafjord, seconded by Gierke to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.