

RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Phil Schneider, Kathy Mai, Roger Gierke, Randy Tatur, Dan Gudis, Ted Hakala, Mark Schmitt, Kathy Vacho, and Ken Brown. Excused: Charles Frafjord and Mary Schneider

Staff present: Jeremy Jacobs, Chris Kammerud, Sandy Stiner, Carla Closs, Dawn Brost, Chris Soltis and Brooke Clark.

Chairman Schneider declared the Public Hearing Regarding 2019 Health & Human Services Budget open at 9:00 a.m

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Gierke, second by Brown to approve the August 9, 2018 HHS meeting minutes. Motion 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 Gudis, to approve Vouchers and Out of County Travel. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Hearing Regarding 2018 Health & Human Services Budget

Kammerud explained the department's intentions with the proposed 2019 budget. Explanation was given on adjustments from previous years in program areas. Program budgets reviewed. Motion was made by Brown, second by Gudis to forward the budget as presented to the Finance Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Director Report

Jacobs reported Ashley Nelson was promoted as the Supervisor of Children and Family Services; interviews for the two vacant social worker positions in Children and Family Services have been scheduled; Carla Closs has started as the new Child Support/Support Staff Supervisor, she is currently training with Sandy Stiner; applications are being accepted for the JA-DBS-CLTS until September 14th; Indianhead is requesting to partner with HHS for the Brighter Futures Initiative, it is a 4 year grant that is evidence based; due to a high truancy rate in Rusk County, a Truancy Resolution is being drafted and will be presented to the board at a later date; Nicole Nelson, Public Health RN, has been awarded a "Kayo Nash" scholarship.

Rusk County Exposure Control Plan 2018

A motion was made by Hakala and second by Gierke to adopt the Rusk County Exposure Control Plan 2018. Motion was unanimously carried.

ADRC Advisory Board Appointment

A motion was made by Gierke and second by Brown to appoint Kathy Halbur to the ADRC Advisory Board. Motion was unanimously carried.

Child Support Resolution

A motion was made by Schmitt and second by Mai to increase state funding for the Rusk County Child Support to ensure Rusk County can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children. Motion was unanimously carried, and the Board members signed the Resolution.

Program Reports

Stiner, Brost, and Soltis entered the board meeting to give a brief overview of their department. The Board received written reports from Public Health, Adult Services and Child Support in their Board packets. Discussion was held.

Next meeting: October 11, 2018.

A motion was made by Brown to adjourn, second by Gierke. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

As prepared by:
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Completed 9/14/18 at 4:15 p.m.