

RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 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, and Mary Schneider. Dave Willingham and Charlie Frafjord were excused. Guest Theodore Hakala was introduced.

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

Chairman Schneider declared the Public Hearing Regarding 2017 Health & Human Services Budget open at 9:15 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Gierke, second by Gudis, to approve the August 10, 2017 HHS meeting minutes. Unanimously carried.

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

Kammerud 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 Comments

Bob Lorkowski and Sarah Peterson, of SpecTech Company in Weyerhaeuser made a presentation on their program to assist troubled youth in Rusk County obtain their GED, and teach living skills, trade skills, and assisting them with obtaining employment to be self-sustaining adults. Lorkowski and Petersen requested the County's Assistance in continuing the program that was formerly known as Fresh Start. Discussion was held and Lorkowski and Peterson were referred to our Teen Court Director Kari Groothusen for further discussion. Jacobs will follow up with them as well.

Health and Human Services Levy Balance Projections

Kammerud and Jacobs explained HHS Levy balance projections for each HHS department. Kammerud explained upcoming expectations in the HHS Department. Discussion held.

Public Hearing Regarding 2018 Health & Human Services Budget

Kammerud explained the department's intentions with the proposed 2018 budget. Explanation was given on increases and decreases in program areas. Program budgets reviewed. Motion was made by Boss, second by Schmitt to forward the budget as presented to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Home Health Care Resolution

Chris Atwood reported on the declining need for Rusk County's Home Health Care program. A meeting was held with Lakeview Medical Home Care Program representatives who already provide Home Health services Rusk County can provide, plus many more. A motion was made by Boss and seconded by Gierke to open the floor for discussion. Motion was unanimously carried. Discussion was held regarding setting up a tentative timeline for dissolving Home Health Service, and presentation to the County Board. A motion was made by Gierke and seconded by Tatur to present the resolution to the County Board. Motion was unanimously carried, and the Board members signed the Resolution.

Director Report

Jacobs reported on the Energy Assistance Audit completed by the State, and reported it went very well. He also reported on administrative expenses, and travel and training expenses; Jacobs stated he'd like to attend the New Director Training on September 26-27. A motion was made by Gierke and seconded by Mary Schneider to approve his attendance, unanimously carried; and Jacobs reported a Registered Nurse has been hired in Public Health, Nicole Nelson who has already started.

Adult Services

Jacobs reported on the Adult Services Program and referred to the report attached hereto and sent to each Board Member.

Child Support

Jacobs reported on the Program Report included in the Board packet.

Home Health

Jacobs referred to the Program Report and the earlier discussion regarding the Home Health Program.

Public Health

Jacobs commented on the Program Report included in the Board packet.

Health and Human Services Board Appointment

Schmitt introduced Theodore Hakala who is interested in the open seat on the HHS Board. Mr. Hakala distributed his resume and addressed the board. A motion was made by Schmitt and second by Gierke to recommend the appointment of Hakala to the County Board. Unanimously Carried.

Chairman Schneider declared the Public hearing Closed at 10:45 a.m.

Next meeting: October 12, 2017.

A motion was made by Gierke, seconded by Tatur to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

As prepared by:
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