

RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 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, Roger Gierke, Randy Tatur, Mark Schmitt, Dan Gudis, and Charlie Frafjord, Ted Hakala, Dave Willingham, and Mary Schneider. Pete Boss was excused.

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comments

None.

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 Schmitt, seconded by Gierke, 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. Discussion held.

WCHSA Meeting

Jacobs gave an overview of the upcoming WCHSA meeting to be held in Stevens Point on December 1, seeking the Board's permission to attend along with Chair Schneider. A motion was made by Tatur and seconded by Schmitt to approve the attendance and expenses. Unanimously carried.

Director Report

Jacobs reported on a scheduling initiative for use of the Senior/Youth Center in the Rusk County Fairgrounds being set up by Kathy Walthers, Charmaine Johnson and Kay Stewart; Discussed uncollectible debt and uncollected debt write-offs. Jacobs was instructed to speak with Corp Counsel on this matter; DHS Secretary Linda Seemeyer visited with Jacobs on October 27, 2017, at RCHHS. This was part of the Governors Cabinet on the Road program. Jacobs reviewed their meeting, which was focused on Drug Court, Mobile Crises, and the Consortium; 100% funding for an additional Consortium employee in Rusk County may be available in 2018, more information to follow next month; Discussion of mental health and AODA clients in wake of recent national crimes was discussed. Jacobs reported the evaluation of clients at RCHHS is always reflective of safety services for the client and the community, to aid in prevention of such tragedies, and to serve the County to the best of our ability.

Program Reports:

Chris Soltis, Adult Services Manager entered the meeting to give her report. Her report was distributed to each board member and she reviewed activity in the Department, commenting on behavioral health services, mental health, AODA, and managed care services. Jacobs reported on the excellent work the AS Department has done with the vast amount of activity this past month.

Dawn Brost entered the meeting with Nicole Nelson, new RN for Rusk County Public health who was introduced to the Board. The Board welcomed Nicole. Brost gave a brief report on the department's activities and Nelson's position. Kathy Mai commended Brost for the excellent report she provides to the Board.

Jacobs reviewed the Child Support and ADRC/Senior Service Reports as sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting. All Program Reports are attached hereto.

Next meeting: December 14, 2017.

A motion was made by Frafjord to adjourn and Chairman Schneider declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.