

RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 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, Peter Boss, and Mary Schneider. Dave Willingham was excused.

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comments None.

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

Kammerud reported on the past month's purchases and invoices, and Out of County Travel. Discussion held regarding out of State travel procedures. Motion was made by Gierke, seconded by Hakala, to approve Vouchers and Out of County Travel. Motion unanimously carried.

Health and Human Services Levy Balance Projections

Kammerud explained HHS Levy balance projections for each HHS department. Discussion held.

Economic Support Position

Jacobs updated the Board on the status of the 100% fully funded Economic Support position coming available in the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium (NIMC) by way of available Medicaid Enhanced dollars. Rusk County has the office space and equipment needed to support this position, and Jacobs recommended we move forward with hiring for this position. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Schmitt and seconded by Hakala to approve hiring an Economic Support worker, contingent the position is fully funded by the NIMC via Medicaid Enhanced dollars and Rusk County incurs no residual costs. Motion was unanimously carried.

Program Reports:

Veterans Service Report - VSO Erik Stoker reviewed his report highlighting the Grants received for Veteran services and activities, and reported on assistance to Veterans in Rusk County.

ADRC/Adult Services Report – Kathy Walthers reported on the Dining at 5 Program that is kicking off December 14th and shared information about the Program.

Home Health – Chris Atwood reported on the closing of Rusk County Home Health. She reported on the transfer of patient care needs to new providers, medical supply depletion, durable home care equipment transferred to ADRC, locked file storage, and that toenail service will be continued through Public Health Nurses. Atwood was commended by Jacobs and the entire Board for her dedication and passion to her position here, along with all the Nurses and staff in the Home Health Department over the years. Boss suggested a recognition event in honor of the Home Health Department, inviting former employees and the public. Jacobs stated he would look into this.

Jacobs further commented on the mailed Program Reports not previously reported on, being Children and Family and Economic Support.

Director Report

Jacobs reported on a WIC Recruitment in which he stated he requested a HHS Board Rep to sit in on the interviews. Gierke volunteered. Mai will also be sitting in on the interviews, but on behalf of the Personnel Board.

Jacobs continued to report on client services, emergency detention costs, home care and adult services care, the Rusk Restorative program, and being proactive in our schools, versus reactive. Jacobs also reported on the WCHSA meeting he attended last month.

Next meeting: January 11, 2018.

A motion was made by Frafjord to adjourn and Chairman Gierke declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.