

Rusk County HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

AGENDA

DATE: March 14, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Rusk County Government Center-County Board Room, Ladysmith, WI 54848

Note: Items listed on the Agenda are for discussion and possible action by the Health & Human Services Board;

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT-Limited to Five Minutes Per Person

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 8, 2024

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE

- Approval of Health & Human Services Vouchers and Out-of-County Travel Requests
- 2023-2024 Contract Approval Process

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Aging Disability Resource Center Disability Benefit Specialist Resignation & Recruitment
- Opioid Abatement Summit Attendance
- WCHSA Spring Conference Attendance
- Citizen Representative-Resignation/Recruitment

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Women, Infants, Children-Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Update
- ARPA Allocation Proposal Presentation(s)
- ARPA Allocation Proposal Determination
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith Narcan Partnership

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Program Reports
 - o Child Support
 - o ADRC/Senior Services
 - o Public Health
 - o Adult Services

ADJOURN

This agenda was prepared by Jeremy Jacobs at the direction of Chair Schneider. Posted March 7, 2024.

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UNAPPROVED
RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Chair Schneider at 9:02.

Board Members Present: Phil Schneider, Randy Tatur, Ken Brown, Dan Gudis, Mary Schneider, Tom Hanson, Ted Hakala, Lois Goode. Appearing virtual: Mark Schmitt, Dr. John Ziemer (9:16 AM). Excused: Dave Willingham.

Staff Present: Jeremy Jacobs, Ashley Nelson and Carla Closs. Appearances by Kaylee Bugbee, Kathy Walthers and Jen Jako.

Public Comments:

None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Gudis, second by Brown, to approve the January 11, 2024; meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Jacobs reported on various purchases, invoices, and Out of County Travel. Motion by Brown, second by Hanson, to approve Vouchers and Out of County Travel. Motion unanimously carried.

Health & Human Services:

Discussion held.

Motion by Hakala, second by M. Schneider, to approve the proposal and updated job description as presented, to add an additional Information and Assistance Position (I&A) in the ADRC and forward to the Personnel Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Gudis, second by Goode, to forward two (2) bids- Swant Graber and Toycen Motors of Chippewa for replacement of the water pump in the 2017 Ford Explorer used for the Senior Services meal program, to the Property Committee. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Health:

Discussion held.

Motion by M. Schneider, second by Gudis, to approve the recruitment of a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor for the WIC program. Motion unanimously carried.

Program Reports:

The Board received written reports from Children and Family Services, Veteran Services, Economic Support.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of the committee at 11:05.

Next meeting: March 14, 2024

**Rusk County Health & Human Services Board Meeting,
March 2024
Child Support Services**

(Information current as of February 29, 2024)

Current Case Count: IVD Cases: 805
 NIVD Cases: 295
 Total Case Count: 1100

Collections for Current Federal Fiscal Year:

Oct 2023	\$143,682.15	Apr 2024	
Nov 2023	\$142,566.52	May 2024	
Dec 2023	\$146,800.20	June 2024	
Jan 2024	\$139,797.45	July 2024	
Feb 2024	\$151,571.74	Aug 2024	
Mar 2024		Sept 2024	

Performance Measures

	Paternity Establishment Rate	Court Order Establishment Rate	Current Support Rate	Arrears Cases
Rusk County	100.54	94.38	80.29	73.19
State of WI	91.29	84.60	74.45	54.91
Measures	90%	80%	80%	80%

General Information:

The child support workers continually work their cases to meet or exceed our performance goals. We are well above the State of WI average. We had a worker obtain 87.58% on current support this month. This is OUTSTANDING work!!

**Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services
Aging & Disability Resource Center
Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Rusk County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board held its bi-monthly meeting on December 21, 2023 at 1:00

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Abby Wendland, Angie Harvey, Kathy Halbur, Marlene Tuma, Mike Hraban, Richard Tuma, Mark Schmitt, Mary Sue Timmerman, Jeremy Jacobs, John Smatlak
EXCUSED: Fawn Armstrong, Shannda Ladwig, Kathy Mai, Mary Schneider

1. Call meeting to order Mark Schmitt 1:09 pm
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. M. Hraban 1st, Smatlak 2nd
3. Public Comment
4. HHS- Allocation of money to fix East doors, new employees, community health assessment/plan- mental health, AODA, health disparities top concerns, Source Article Controversy
5. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
 - a) ADRC
 - i. ADRC Moderations Project- Peer Place, Logo, Resource guide
 - ii. 2024 Reallocation of funds- new budget, funds to generate new part time position for I&A assistance
 - iii. Advocacy
 - i. Update Doors- Estimated start date January/February, fix cement around doors
 - ii. Sidewalks- Hraban and Timmerman to review sidewalks by Walmart, discuss with Doug
 - iv. Grants
 - i. CHW Grant (Funded until March 2025)
 1. State gave 100,000 to 3 counties: Barron/Rusk- referrals for high risk MOW customers (part time); Dunn- working with Hmong population (full time); Jackson- referrals for high risk customers, preventing APS mandates, ect and customers that may otherwise “fall through the cracks” (Full time)
 2. Growing Connections- (Alzheimer’s Association)
 - v. Fawn Coverage- Back Mid-February, Abby covering both positions
 - b) Aging
 - i. Aging Plan- Starting work on Next 2025-2027 (May 8th, 2024)
 - ii. Next Town Hall- Iteam partnership reach out, Medical Topic to pair with Health Disparity HHS- Marshfield and Prevea, potential luncheon
 - c) Other
 - i. No other updates

Adjourn: 2:22 pm, Marlene Tuma 2nd John Smatlak

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, February 15, 2024**, 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.
2024 Bi Monthly (Feb 15 SC-1:30 pm, April 18 LEC- 1 pm, June 20 LEC-1 pm-note date change, August 15 SC- 1:30pm, October 17 SC- 1:30 pm, Dec 19 LEC- 1 pm- Potluck 12:30pm)

This agenda was prepared by Kathy Walthers, Program Manager of the ADRC under direction of Mark Schmitt committee chair.



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Mission Statement: The mission of the Health and Human Services, Public Health Department, is to maximize the quality of life across the lifespan by promoting health, protecting the environment, and preventing disease and injury.

February 2024 Report

January- February Highlights

- WIC has hired a new Breast-Feeding Peer Counselor. Ashley Nicholson started in February. There is a lot of education that goes into this position and Ashley is very eager to learn and build on what she already knows. We welcome her and look forward to having her work with pregnant and breastfeeding WIC moms, providing them an additional layer of support and encouragement.
- Bridging Brighter Smiles was here on January 18 and saw 5 patients. They provided teeth cleanings for moms and children enrolled in WIC.
- As of the end of January, WIC case load is 346 active participants from 216 families.
- Sixteen lead tests were performed in January, with two children having elevated results. Thirteen tests were performed in February, with another two children having elevated results. Children with elevated capillary tests are referred to their medical provider for a venous blood draw.
- Lisa Wicik has officially retired from Public Health as an employee but is still volunteering with our Narcan program to get community members who are interested trained. Talhia Lueck has stepped into her role wonderfully and is constantly bringing new ideas about things she would like to try and ways to grow our programs.
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) committee kicked off in January. We meet the last Tuesday of the month. We had twenty-one people attend the last meeting. The purpose of the CHIP committee is to focus on issues addressed in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and

come up with a plan for addressing these in our county. We are focusing closely on improving mental health resiliency and improving physical activity.

- Talhia and Kaylee attended the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Department and Boards (WALHDAB) Operations Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Topics covered included building into your team's strengths, professional development, working to ensure continuity between your department's CHA, CHIP, and Strategic Plan, building fiscal sustainability into your department, and focusing on resiliency for both yourself and your staff.
- We held a table top exercise with Tom Hall from Emergency Management, focusing on what we would do if there was an emergency in the county that would require opening of an incident command center with emergency public information and warnings being issued, opening of a mass care facility, and focus on community recovery after the threat is over. Since much of the Public Health staff was new, this was our first time doing a table top exercise and very helpful. Other government center staff and some community members attended and it provided a lot of opportunities for discussion about roles and responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted by Kaylee Bugbee, Health Officer, March 4, 2024.

RCHHS

Adult Services Unit

✱ Month of Feb- 2024

	Feb	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Mental Health Referral				0	0	0	0	0	1	7	13	30	
AODA Referral				0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	22	0
Jail Assessments (Safety)	0	3	3	4	11	17	6	17	16	11	19	90	48
Jail Assessment (Prevention)	5	16	35	54	99	61	98	124	109	170	174	0	0
Community Assessments	4	10	59	59	59	81	111	101	113	112	118	124	95
Emergency Detentions	1	3	13	18	15	23	15	15	26	24	17	26	12
51.35 (Emergency Transfer)	0	1		0	2	1	5	0	1	8	3	7	2
51.45 (11 & 12)				0	0	0		0	1	1	3	5	1
51:15 Conversion 55/54				0		1							
Medication Requests				0		0	0	0	0	1	2	4	1
OWI	0	5	58	54	62	47	65	44	32	48	26	54	66
Intoxicated Driver Program	0	3	32	29	43	26	16	21	26	35	25	2	26
Crisis Line	2	2	10	37	85	45	47	61	82	57	48	59	32
*Guardianships			4	3	5	3	1	3	3	8	6	6	9
*Adult Prot. Services	9	17	87	92	110	108	121	125	101	109	114	143	113
Total	21	60	301	350	491	413	485	511	511	592	559	543	469

Program Areas....

Community Support Program

Rusk County Health and Human Services continues to maintain a contractual agreement with Aurora Community Services for this case management, community based, supportive program, serving 11 serious and persistent mentally ill consumers. There are 4 others being considered for that level of care at this time.

Independence remains the focus while providing this intensive structured service. Aurora continues to have good results with case planning as their case manager works closely with Bethany on individual service plans. While substantial risk is present, diligent efforts continue to be preventative based to avoid crisis level of need. The participants tend to cycle through their mental health and AODA circumstances utilizing their developed crisis plans. The case managers have been outstanding in defusing crisis situations providing redirection as well as advocating for development of coping skills. This population is aging resulting in the propensity of physical health problems which often manifest the co-occurring mental health/substance abuse issues.

Aurora continues to utilize tele-health for psychiatry services. Availability allows for ease of re-commitment evaluations. Rusk County mental health consumers are more readily monitored due to the increased psychiatric time allowance. Dr. Andrew Spitznas, Psychiatrist, sees clients in conjunction with Claudia his APNP. ,

Behavioral Health Services

Clients served through Rusk County Case Management:

- 13 currently committed to the Rusk County 51.42 Board
- 1 currently under Settlement Agreements through the Court
3 currently in adult family/CBRF setting
- 0 Institute for Mental Disease Placement
- 50 clients receiving case management services.
- 11 Community Support Program (CSP)

Rusk County continues participation in the Western Region Recovery and Wellness Consortium. Comprehensive Community Services continues with 60+ participants currently engaged or in the enrollment process for this mental health and alcohol and drug, person-centered recovery model. There continue to be multiple referrals and diligent efforts to contact potential consumers to this voluntary program. Staffing continues to be evaluated to meet met trending demand of case load. Currently individual Counties are assessing a “Wrap-around Approach” which is an evaluation of Communities Natural Supports as step down out of CCS. Rusk County is in the process of creating an Ad’Hoc team to start this process.

The end of Sept, 2023, Rusk County gained knowledge of a consumer that had moved to Rusk County in need of Mental Health services beyond the community setting. In gaining background, consumer had many needed moves between Hospitalizations and Group Homes. October 2023 consumer was placed at a residential center in Dane Co. The County will continue to work diligently with the Home to identify stability; hence a lesser level of need. We are currently working on a placement closer to our area to better determine the ability to serve in a lesser restricted facility by adding community supports.

In addition, one planned Group Home discharge occurred and has moved into a private dwelling with an adult child; AS will keep on the 42 board for oversight of success. This has been successful thus far.

Lastly, another consumer currently on the 42 board is moving out of County. AS is working with the new County of residence to assure a smooth transition of care and service. This consumer will also be overseen by Rusk County until the commitment hearing is due in April with a request to transfer at that time if indicated.

Adult Protective Services

- 35 Customers under Protective Placement
- 5 Currently voluntarily case managed
- 3 Alzheimer’s Family Caregiver Support Program

Community awareness continues specifically designed to promote safety and reporting of adult protection service needs, services, and linkage to resources. Continued efforts with the managed care system as to safety planning occur with monthly contacts. Crisis planning has been discussed, as areas of improvement with this population. Brenda continues to complete comprehensive evaluations and annual reviews of protective placement through Rusk County court orders.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Soltis