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MINUTES COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Health & Human Services Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Chair Doug Richmond. The meeting was publicly noticed.

ROLL

An attendance sheet was distributed by Gretchen Halvorsen.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Richmond; Char Holtan; Keith Miller; Steven Balsiger; Brad Cook; Liz Miller.

BY PHONE: Jessica Smith, RN; Tom Drury.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE STAFF PRESENT: Heather Gove; Sue Lynch; Ellen Ellingsworth; Stephanie Nickel; Carol Sjoblom; Gretchen Halvorsen.

OTHERS: Susan Fisher, Corporation Counsel; Jesica Walter, Accounting; Denise Brusveen, County Board 1st Vice Chair; Dean Kaderabek, Land Information.

AGENDA/ADDITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2, 2022 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD AGENDA.

Motion by Keith Miller, second by Steve Balsiger. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADRC 85.21 TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Chair Richmond declared the Public Hearing open at 1:03 p.m. ADRC Director Sue Lynch advised the Board of the provisions of the annual State Transportation Grant application. Chair Richmond declared the meeting closed at 1:05 p.m. No one from the public attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2022 MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD.

Motion by Liz Miller, second by Brad Cook. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC INPUT

None

REVIEW DEPARTMENT BUDGET & COMPENSATORY TIME

The Department's Comp Time Report, and Financial Report dated 9.30.2022, were presented to the Board.

**CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, BUDGET TRANSFERS, OUTLAY CHANGES,
RESOLUTIONS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Health & Human Services Director Heather Gove presented two new 2022 contracts, three 2022 addenda, four new 2023 contracts, seven BAAs, and a donation list to the Board for approval.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, BAAs, AND DONATION LIST,
AND TO PLACE THEM AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE MINUTES.**

Motion by Steve Balsiger, second by Liz Miller. Motion carried.

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER REPORT

ADRC Director Sue Lynch reported that November is National Caregiver Month. Wisconsin has approximately 580,000 unpaid caregivers throughout the State who care for loved ones and neighbors, which translates into approximately 490 million hours of caregiving each year, which, if paid for, would equate to about \$7 million in services each year. As part of the acknowledgement of National Caregivers month, the ADRC is partnering with the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin to hold a workshop on November 10 regarding Lewy Body dementia. The ADRC is also hosting The Remember Project presentation, scheduled for November 16. Reservations are being accepted now for the theatrical presentation and community discussion created to help reduce the stigma of dementia and provide information to the public about it. A free meal will be served with the performance. Open Enrollment for Medicare continues through December 7. Director Lynch reported that the ADRC has now served about 300 congregate meals since the sites reopened earlier this year. The Poynette and Pardeeville sites continue to have low participation and the ADRC staff is working to bring added activities to the sites as well as continue to outreach to residents in those areas that may benefit from the program. The number of HDM participants continues to decrease. There are currently 70 individuals on the wait list. Director Lynch also reported that the ADRC is part of Tivoli's relocation team as Tivoli continues the closing of the nursing home.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Public Health Officer Ellen Ellingsworth reported that the Division continues to try to adjust with the loss of the 2 nurses. Due to the staff shortage, Ellen announced that the COVID vaccine booster clinics will end after next week. The Amish home visits will also be suspended at this time. Ellen reported that the staff have seen a big increase in demand for the Post Natal Care Coordination (PNCC) program, with the need to start a waiting list for services. The Division has received the well water grant with test kits for home owners to test for nitrates in private wells.

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The grant program can pay for new wells, reverse osmoses, and filtering pitchers for homes with high levels of nitrates. Ellen reported that the Public Health Educator continues to work on the 5-year Public Health plan, which is due to the State by the end of December.

TRAINING REQUESTS

None.

County Board Supervisor Char Holtan joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

PRESENTATION: ECONOMIC SUPPORT, CAROL SJOBLOM, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

Economic Support Division Administrator Carol Sjoblom provided a presentation about the programs and responsibilities of the Economic Support Division. Discussion followed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Richmond reported that he met with Comptroller Shonna Neary to propose reinstating the Public Health Nurse position cut from the proposed 2023 budget. Chair Richmond informed the Board that there is money available from an HHS equity account to pay for the position and that he intends to present a resolution to reinstate the position at the November County Board meeting. Chair Richmond also shared a letter from the WI Department of Health Services outlining their concerns about the elimination of another public health nurse position in Columbia County. The letter cautions Columbia County about having sufficient staff in order to meet Statutory requirements and the authority of DHS to perform Public Health duties for Columbia County and requiring reimbursement for enforcement of statutes and administrative rules. Chair Richmond informed the Board members of the next Opioid Abatement Summit which will be in Stevens Point, from 10-2:00 on Thursday, November 10. He encouraged members to attend.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Health & Human Services Director Heather Gove advised the Board that the Department has applied for next year's OWI & Drug Court grant, with the approval of Chair Polzer, in the event the two treatment courts are reinstated in the 2023 budget. Director Gove informed the Board that the grant was due prior to the November County Board meeting and that was why approval was needed by Chair Polzer. If the funding for the OWI & Drug Courts is not reinstated, the grant application will be retracted. Director Gove reported that she wrote a letter of support for a grant that the school consortium of Cambria, Pardeeville, Rio, and Randolph Schools is writing for that would pay for school-based mental health providers directly in the schools. Director Gove advised the Board that the Red Cross has asked the Department to continue hosting blood drives, due to the shortage of blood products available right now. The blood drives do not take up staff time, and are handled completely by the Red Cross, however the Department reserves the space for the blood drive to occur.

ACTION ON PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS/FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE HHS VOUCHER REPORT AS PRESENTED.

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Motion by Liz Miller, second by Char Holtan. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular monthly meeting of the Columbia County Health & Human Services Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Columbia County Health & Human Services.

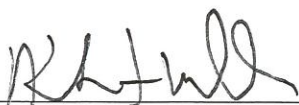
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:15 P.M.

Motion by Liz Miller, second by Brad Cook. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Health & Human Services Board will reconvene for their next regular meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Rooms #2 & #3 of the Columbia County Health & Human Services, 111 E. Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Miller, Secretary
Col. Co. H & HS Board



Gretchen Halvorsen, Executive Secretary
Col. Co. Health & Human Services Dept.

cc: County Board Chair Chris Polzer
County Board 1st Vice Chair Denise Brusveen
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Matthew Rohrbeck

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