



**MINUTES
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

5:00 P.M.

County Board Room, Third Floor

Marinette County Courthouse

1926 Hall Avenue

Marinette WI 54143

Members Present: Mike Behnke, Kelly Christian and Brandon Jeske
Members via Phone: Jillian Schutte
Members Excused: Ginger Deschane
Others Present: Paul Gustafson, Guy Powers, Kris Parkansky, Robin Elsner, Glenn Sartorelli, Molly Bonjean and Melissa Freeman.

1. Call meeting to order.

Meeting called to order by HHS Director, Robin Elsner at 5:00 p.m.

2. Election of Chair

Brandon Jeske nominates Mike Behnke. Second by Kelly Christian. No other nominations. Robin Elsner closes nominations. Mike Behnke elected as Chair by unanimous vote. Mike Behnke assumes the Chair position.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Mike Behnke nominates Brandon Jeske. Second by Kelly Christian. No other nominations. Chair Behnke requests to close nominations. Brandon Jeske elected as Vice Chair by unanimous vote. Brandon Jeske assumes the Vice Chair position.

4. Approval of agenda and amendment

MOTION (Jeske/Christian) to approve agenda. Motion carried.

5. Approval/correction of minutes

MOTION (Schutte/Jeske) to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

6. Review Planning Process and 2019 Budget Challenges.

Robin Elsner - noted overall preliminary budget is looking good. High cost placements are always a challenge. Foster Care placements are also up. COVID presents another unknown variable. Hopeful we can meet our revenue goals for the year.

Glenn Sartorelli - overviewed moving Economic Support to the "Resource Center" being developed and the costs and budget impact. Reviewed increased costs for 2021 and also shared COVID challenges and funding for technology and resources to assist Department staff to connect easily with clients. Noted other Department staff have been trained to assist Public Health with Contact Tracing, which has been a big help. Feels we are doing well so far and doing our best to budget as best we can given current circumstances.

Molly Bonjean – Many unknowns with COVID at this time in regards to costs and funding. I have been encouraged by the CARES funding and the State has been helpful.

7. Public Hearing

Motion (Jeske/Christian) to enter into Public Hearing at 5:16 pm. Motion carried.

Melissa Freeman – Adapt Community Services Supervisor ~ The telehealth has really expanded our options to continue to provide services and also allows us to reach out to the northern areas of our County; which we generally are not able to access as well. The COVID has prompted the State to make adjustments as to how they monitor telehealth and they have de-regulated it, so we can use more widely. So we are hoping to be able to expand services; even as far as groups and stuff up in the northern area. It's been stressful, but it's pushed up to move in bigger and broader directions which I think will be beneficial to residents overall.

Dr. Guy Powers – Medical Director ~ I do not have anything very specific, just some general comments. These are serious, challenging times with COVID-19. People that I talk with, during this specter of COVID-19, have an increase in stress whether COVID affects them directly or indirectly. In terms of Health and Human services whether it's Public Health, Crisis, Child Protective Services or the Community Support Program, they haven't altered or waived in the business that they do or the job in terms of engaging the public to ensure people are safe and doing well. For Comprehensive Community Services and the Adapt Clinic, people have tried very hard to keep the connections with clients that are important to keep them stable and safe. A person tires, an employee tires, a Department does not tire and Health and Human Services does not tire. So I feel privileged to work at a place where dedicated people are working so hard to keep services open while other places have not been open. So I Thank the Health and Human Services Board for their support and ask for continued support as we persevere in the unknown of COVID-19. Thank you.

8. Discussed Comments received during Public Hearing

Positive comments.

9. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Motion (Jeske/Christian) to adjourn Public Hearing at 5:21pm. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment of Planning Committee Meeting.

Motion (Behnke/Schutte) to Planning Committee Meeting at 5:23 pm. Motion carried.

Bobbie Dolliver, Recorder