

## Buffalo County Minutes

**Committee/Board:** Health and Human Services and Veterans Service Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Monday October 17, 2022

**Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date:**

**Location:** Pepin County Courthouse  
County Board Room  
740 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Durand, Wisconsin

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Members present were Carol McDonough, Mary Anne McMillan-Urell, and Richard Mueller. Liz Hoffmaster, Nathan Nelson, Kim Beseler and Wendy Kleinschmidt attended via ZOOM. Brian Michaels and Brad Schmidt knecht were excused absences.

### **OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING**

Dave Rynders, Stephen LaValla and Jamie Weaver

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING MATTERS THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP BY THE COMMITTEE AT THIS MEETING**

None

### **3. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting are not yet ready for review and approval. They will be presented at the December, 1, 2022 meeting.

### **4. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – REFILL SOCIAL WORKER/CASE MANAGER POSITION**

Mr. Rynders explained Bekka Baures has given notice. She will work with a school district in Trempealeau County. Her last day will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Ms. Beseler and seconded by Ms. McDonough. Roll call vote. Sound was temporarily lost by Ms. Hoffmaster which was eventually restored. Motion approved.

### **5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – SOCIAL WORKER/CASE MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

No changes were recommended or made to the job descriptions.

### **6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATION WITH PEPIN COUNTY**

Mr. Rynders and Ms. Weaver provided an update regarding contracted nursing services which are provided by Pepin County Health. Ms. Weaver described the flu and farm clinic services have been proceeding as scheduled with the exception of needing to reschedule one school which was coordinated smoothly. Overall services have been going very well. Rynders said there is an interview scheduled for the nurse vacancy and that the Pepin Health Officer, Heidi Steward had

agreed to help with the interviewing for this vacancy. Overall Pepin County has been very responsive and helpful, and the department is very grateful for this help. Rynders added that a contract has also been put in place for Buffalo County to provide public health services for Pepin County. Ms. Weaver added she has been able to help Pepin County with some lead cases and onboarding their new environmental health specialist.

#### **7. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME**

Ms. McMillan-Urell informed the next meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

#### **8. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

None

#### **9. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – JOINT BUFFALO COUNTY VETERANS/DHHS AND PEPIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

\*At this point in time the Pepin County HS Board members moved downstairs to the County Board room to join Buffalo County Health & Human Services committee for the annual Joint meeting. The following programs were represented by a manager/lead for their program to provide highlights about what services their program provides, the staffing, some data regarding services if applicable, and feedback about current challenges and successes within their program:

- a) Welcome & Introductions - Both the Buffalo County HHS and Pepin County HS Board members, as well as any others present in-person or virtually, introduced themselves.
- b) ADRC Presentation – Cammi Catt-DeWyre
- c) **Discussion and possible Action: Senior Nutrition Suggested Donation Proposal:** As part of the ADRC presentation, Manager DeWyre informed the boards that one of the action items identified as a result of recent public listening sessions regarding volunteer drivers and our meal program, was actually increasing the meal cost. Currently congregate meals are only \$3.50, which Home delivered meals are \$4.00. It was suggested, and there is evidence of it being very successful in another Wisconsin county, to ask for a range donation amount instead of a flat one fee. Asking this joint board to approve that starting January 1, 2023 a “Donation Suggestion of \$4.00-\$6.00” be used for all meals provided by our Nutrition Program. Motion made by Richard Mueller (Buffalo Co), seconded by Mike Wright (Pepin Co) to approve the suggested meal range starting Jan 1, 2023. Buffalo Co chair Mary Anne McMillian Urell asked for voice votes: all those present in favor via voice vote, none opposed; all those present virtually in favor via voice vote, none opposed. Motion carried.
- d) Adult Protection – Stephen LaValla
- e) Child Support – Lisa Plunkett and Chad Wolske
- f) Birth to Three – Tamm Stearns
- g) Final Thoughts & Closing – Members of the board thanked the presenters for providing the information and details this evening, as well as for their efforts in their programs. APS worker Stephen LaValla thanked the Joint Board for continuing to collaborate on our shared programs, which he feels is a unique,

very strong and successful thing for both our counties.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson McMillan-Urell adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Rynders and Tammy Wegner

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