



Minutes
Human Services and Health Board Meeting
Wednesday September 1, 2021-6:00 pm
Dodge County Administrative Building
Auditorium Rooms H & I
127 East Oak St, Juneau, WI 53039

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Mary Bobholz at 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call and Non-Committee Member County Board Attendance

Board Present: Mary Bobholz, Jennifer Keyes, Tim Kemmel, David Godshall, Donald Hilgendorf, Andrew Johnson, Lois Augustson, Daniel Siegmann, Dave Frohling

Absent/Excused: Kira Sheahan-Malloy, Jenifer Hedrick

Staff Present: Director Becky Bell, Account Clerk Felicia Bruyette, Division Manager Sheila Drays, Division Manager Alyssa Schultz, Division Manager Angela Petruske, Public Health Officer Abby Sauer, County Administrator Jim Mielke

3. Public Comment: NA

4. Approval of the minutes of the August 4, 2021 Board meeting
Motion by Tim Kemmel to approve the August 4, 2021 Board minutes. Seconded by Andrew Johnson.
Motion carried.

5. BOARD ACTION

A. 2022-2024 Nutrition Program Bid

Ms. Drays informed the board that it is a requirement for the Nutrition Program to go out for bids every three years. Bids were sent to twelve local caterers for the 2022-2024 bid contract with the option for a 1 year extension. There will be an increase to \$5.25 per meal (past meals were \$5.00 per meal). Meals for Lomira and Watertown will be prepackaged due to lack of building availability. The contract with Feil's catering will run through 2024. Motion by David Godshall to approve the 2022-2024 Nutrition Program Bid. Seconded by Lois Augustson. Motion carried.

6. DIRECTORS REPORT – Ms. Bell

A. Out of State Placements

Ms. Bell informed the board that there are currently four youth placed in out of state placements in Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, and Minnesota. The board inquired about visits to these placements. Ms. Bell stated that workers are required to do quarterly visits with youth in placements regardless if a placement is in state or out of state.

B. Out of State Travel Requests

Ms. Bell let the board know that there will be an upcoming request for workers to be allowed to visit the youth in Indiana, Georgia, and Tennessee. Two options will be presented; driving or flying. Costs will be broken down for both options that will be presented to the Executive Committee on September 10th. Ms. Bell informed the board that all of the youth in placements out of state will likely remain in placement for the remainder of the year. Frequent communication and contact is occurring between workers and placement facilities. All of the placements are court ordered. Workers are exhausting all in state facility options before considering an out of state placement. Facilities in Wisconsin have the ability to choose the youth that are placed within a facility and if that particular facility is able to meet the needs of the specified youth. Facilities are limited. Ms. Bell stated that the state of Wisconsin is aware of the situation, as Dodge County is not the only county dealing with this struggle, and is working on how to meet the needs pertaining to this crisis.

C. 2021 Budget Projection Update

Ms. Bell informed the board that the projected budget for 2021 will have a \$1.5 million dollar deficit. The projected deficit for 2021 is in part due to high cost mental health and youth placements as well as high foster care administration. There is currently a tour set up with Waukesha County Mental Health Complex and Miramont Behavioral Health to potentially be different options for mental health placements. Ms. Bell gave the actuals for 2019 and 2020; \$2.9 million actual budget for 2019 and \$3.8 million actual budget for 2020.

D. Preliminary 2022 Budget Update

The board was informed by Ms. Bell that a first draft of the 2022 budget has been started. At this time, there will be a request for additional county levy. It is projected, based on information that is known today, that an additional \$1.2 million will be needed for the 2022 budget.

7. COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT- Ms. Drays

A. Statistics for July

B. Dining Center Comments

C. Public Health Updates – Abby Sauer, Public Health Officer

Ms. Sauer informed the board of an environmental health concern pertaining to harmful algae blooms in Dodge County. Dodge County Public Health Services has an outreach to the public to enforce the rules of mandatory reporting due to illness from exposure to algae bloom. State statute states that Public Health has a responsibility to inform the state where there is a harmful algae bloom on a waterway. Ms. Sauer explained that harmful algae is fueled by heat, stagnant water, nutrients in water, and fertilizer runoffs in addition to several other sources. Algae blooms have happened other times over the years. When people are exposed to a harmful bloom, it can get into a person's system and make people very sick. Humans are known to have gastrointestinal issues, eye irritation, hives, and blisters. Animals that are exposed can become very sick as well with symptoms that include wheezing, vomiting, or even death. Dodge County is committed to getting education out to the public. There are currently two possible harmful algae blooms in Dodge County; one near Fox Lake and the other near Beaver Dam Lake. Ms. Sauer stated that it seems these blooms appear worse than in other years. Public Health is part of a collaborated surveillance to continue monitoring the harmful algae bloom. Algae blooms shift based on the water. Many counties are not equipped to test for harmful blooms and must rely on the DNR experts for assistance. Dodge County is collaborating with the fishery manager and the Fox Lake Preservation Organization to put signs up warning of the algae bloom. The Fox Lake chair person has also helped to post information around boat launches. Due to the nature of harmful algae blooms coming and going (especially toxic blooms), Public Health is working with the entities

that have oversight of the boat launches to get permanent signs placed to warn lake users of the hazards of exposure to the harmful blooms. To date, there have been no verified or reported exposure cases with this bloom.

Ms. Sauer also followed up with the updated Covid-19 report. As of September 1, 2021, confirmed positive cases are increasing significantly. Dodge County is averaging 35 cases per day. Due to the increase in the need for testing, a request was submitted with approval to re-open the community based test site in Beaver Dam with the National Guard. The request was to have the test site open on Wednesdays from 11:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. Some schools in the county, as well as some Walgreens and Hometown Pharmacies are also testing for Covid-19. Ms. Sauer informed the board that 256 vaccines were administered in August. In Dodge County, 44.6% of people have received the first dose of the vaccine and 41.7% of people have completed the vaccine series. Public Health is still doing mobile vaccine clinics as well as scheduled vaccine clinics on site. Ms. Sauer stated that there was positive feedback from the vaccine clinic that was held at the fair. Public Health was able to answer a lot of questions for the community as well. Currently the state is reporting vaccinated vs unvaccinated hospitalizations. There is a greater risk for unvaccinated individuals getting Covid-19. Some individuals are seeing break through cases. The state, rather than the counties, are currently reporting those numbers. Ms. Sauer also reported on the latest talk of the third dose of the vaccine, which will likely be offered first to immune compromised individuals. There is no confirmation on when that will be available to offer the public. There are more opportunities to get the third dose when it is available as Public Health, some pharmacies, and many clinics are now administering the vaccine.

8. CLINICAL & FAMILY SERVICES REPORT-Ms. Schultz

- A. Statistics for July
- B. Out of home costs
- C. July report/expenses from Northwest Connections-After Hours Crisis

9. FISCAL & SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT – Ms. Petruske

- A. Review 2021 expenditures & revenues
- B. Budget adjustment form

10. Next Meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00pm

11. Adjourned at 6:46 P.M.


Lois Augustson, **Secretary**


Mary Bobholz, **Chairperson**


Felicia Bruyette, **Recording Secretary**