

Minutes
Human Services and Health Board Meeting
Wednesday December 7, 2022-5:00 pm
Dodge County Administrative Building
Auditorium Rooms H & I
127 East Oak St, Juneau, WI 53039

1. Call to Order by Jenifer Hedrick at 5:09 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Non-Committee Member County Board Attendance

Board Present: Lisa Derr, Marilyn Klobuchar, Jody Steger, Jennifer Keyes, David Guckenberger, Jenifer Hedrick

Absent/Excused: David Godshall, Mary Rosecky, Steve Kauffeld

Staff Present: Director Becky Bell, Division Manager Angela Petruske, Division Manager Sheila Drays, Division Manager Alyssa Schultz

Others Present: Chairman David Frohling, County Board Supervisor Randy VandeZande

3. Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Meeting
Motion by Lisa Derr to amend the time from 6:00 PM to 5:00 PM on the minutes. Motion by Lisa Derr to approve the November 14, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Jody Steger. Motion carried to approved amended minutes.

4. DIRECTORS REPORT – Ms. Bell

A. Public Health Updates

Ms. Bell begin my explaining the public health mission to the Board. Ms. Bell then went over the different programs offered in public health. Programs for children include fluoride varnish and oral screenings as well as oral guidance. Public health also offers infant child home visits which includes the Talk, Read, Play program. This program focuses on children who are newborn to three years of age. In 2022, 84 home visits were provided. The lead program identifies toxic, unsafe levels of lead. There were 49 cases of unsafe lead levels in Dodge County in 2022. Whenever a child is identified in a case, quarterly reports are required. If levels do not come down, home visits are the next step, set up by referral. Five home visits were provided in 2022. A total of 597 birth packets were sent out that includes information about water sampling, car seat safety, WIC, and breast feeding assistance. Ms. Bell continued that a car seat program is also offered through the Department of Transportation and is grant funded. The sheriff's office is also involved in that program. In 2022, education was provided to child welfare staff so that staff can provide transportation visits to infants. Social workers will know how to properly install cars eats and make sure that car seats owned by Dodge County are not expired. A total of 8 car seats were distributed to Dodge County citizens in 2022 and 4 car seat inspections were completed. Another program provided by Public Health is Cribs for Kids. Dodge County was able to provide 13 cribs and safe sleep guidance to families in 2022.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a service provided by Public Health that assists eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to five years of age. Dodge County had an average of 784 enrollments throughout 2022. WIC numbers are decreasing statewide with the decline beginning even before Covid-19. The reasoning is unknown at this time, but the state is aware of the fact. Ms. Bell stated that radon and water test kits are also available at no cost to the public. A total of 16 water kits and 64 radon kits were distributed in 2022. In addition to these programs, public health offers health education. A health educator has been added to the public health unit. The health educator focused on substance abuse prevention and has been working in the Beaver Dam School District, participating in 14 health education events so far with 6th graders. Dodge County Public Health also followed up on 9,520 communicable disease cases in 2022. Public health has an emergency preparedness coordinator as well who focuses on planning, coordinating trainings, and overseeing any plan updates. The FAST team was developed by volunteers interested in emergency preparedness after working hours. There is currently representation from almost every single unit within the Human Services and Health Department on the team. Ms. Bell also indicated that the department is working on providing CPR training for all employees of Dodge County. Human Services approached Clearview about this idea and there was high interest. For all Clearview employees to receive CPR training, the cost is around \$3,000. However, if CPR training is provided by Human Services, the cost would be substantially less at around \$200. Ms. Bell noted that there are some programs within Public Health that have not had impressive results, so more marketing and campaigning will take place over 2023 while the department continues to monitor the number of participants. Cribs for Kids and the car seat program are both grant funded. If Dodge County did not accept those grant funds, then those funds would be distributed to other counties. There was discussion among the Board about areas of funding in Public Health. Ms. Bell noted that public health is not necessarily funded in a way that reflects the nature of the work that is done. This is an issue that is going to be brought forth on Human Services Day at the Capitol in April. The goal is to advocate for Public Health to receive additional necessary funding for statutory services and reimbursement for efforts that the Department is mandated to provide.

B. Substance Abuse Media Campaign Presentation

Ms. Bell informed the Board of a substance abuse media campaign that began in October and will run through March throughout Dodge County. There will be various marketing strategies utilized at bringing awareness to the dangers of the use of meth, fentanyl, and vaping. There is currently a billboard with the Dodge County logo on it. The Department website also has a lot of information about various substance abuse and contact information for assistance. Information Technology (IT) was asked to keep track of how many hits the webpage is getting. A resolution was presented to the Board three months ago about substance abuse grant funds. About \$40,000 of those funds were set aside for the purpose of marketing, advertising, public outreach, and education.

C. Roll Property Update

Ms. Bell informed the Board that internal discussions are continuing about whether or not Human Services and Health Department would be able to utilize the Roll Property (located across the street from the Human Services building). Several families have been identified that would benefit from the property and reunification services. It is believed that this would provide a cost savings as well. The property would need furnishings, some modifications, and child locks at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Families residing on the property would be charged rent and utility costs. Based upon the families identified, the Department has estimated about a \$23,000 cost savings per month. Supervisor Hedrick inquired if there are any grants that can assist with the situation and Supervisor Guckenberger inquired about the selection of the families. Ms. Bell stated that selections are done internally and that a lease would be created. Supervisor Frohling added that the intent for the property is to refurbish it rather than remodel it. Ms. Bell also added that there are other buildings on the property that can be utilized by other departments. Supervisor Guckenberger inquired how much was put in the budget for this program. Ms. Bell stated that there was actually a reduction in the budget of \$215,000 for the program.

D. Vehicle Fleet Discussion

Ms. Bell reminded the Board that at the County Board meeting, there was some discussion about fleet vehicles at the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Bell inquired on the Board's thoughts to Human Services having access to those vehicles that won't be used anymore by the Sheriff's Office to potentially save the Department some money on the budget. Through November, \$270,000 was spent on mileage reimbursement alone. If the Department fleet vehicles, staff would not have to always use their personal vehicles.

5. FISCAL & SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT – Ms. Petruske

A. Review 2022 Expenditures & Revenues

Ms. Petruske informed the Board that there is a year-end projection deficit of just under \$1.5 million. Ms. Bell added that this projection does not include any WIMCR payment that the Department could receive.

B. Budget Adjustment Form

6. Public Comment: N/A

7. Next Meeting – February 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM

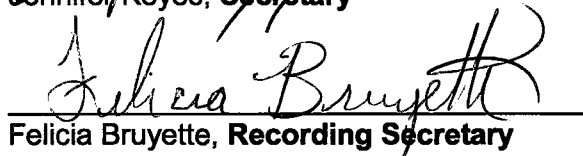
8. Adjourned at 6:38 PM



Jennifer Keyes, **Secretary**



Jenifer Hedrick, **Chair**



Felicia Bruyette, **Recording Secretary**