

Motion by Kristin White Eagle, seconded by James Bowers, to approve Resolution Authorizing the Department of Human Services to Create One Full Time (1.0 FTE) Children's Long Term Support Social Worker Position Outside the Budget Process as a Result of the State's Management of Waitlist and Commitment to Waitlist Elimination. Motion carried.

Department Updates:

- a. **Presentation: Bridgitte Bodette, Children's Long Term Support/Birth-to-Three Supervisor, on Waitlist Elimination:** Bridgitte Bodette discussed the State's decision to eliminate the waitlist and gave an overview of CLTS services along with a PowerPoint presentation. The CLTS program provides supports and services to families that have children (birth to 18 years of age) with long-term disabilities (developmental, physical or mental health) or complex medical needs to help keep children living in their home. Services can include respite care (critical for families), adaptive equipment to help child become independent as possible, day services, home modifications (ramps on houses, more accessible bathrooms). Sauk County's waitlist had previously been 3 to 5 years long, reduced to 1 to 1 ½ years about five years ago, and 8 months to a year a few years ago. The State wanted to even out funding across the state. When the State indicates a child is eligible, the County has 30 days to provide services. Referrals came to a halt during the 2020 pandemic but are now resuming. Now there is a significant reduction in wait time, and a child can be enrolled usually within one month of going on the waitlist. They have seen a big growth in children with a mental health diagnosis. When a child reaches 17 years, 6 months of age, discussions start with the ADRC to continue services and facilitate guardianship if needed. Children can stay in the CLTS program for a long time.
- b. **Service Status: COVID-19:** Dan Brattset indicated staff continue to be vigilant in service delivery. In-person services have increased slightly. Dan stated that some consumers like telehealth and video sessions will continue. Discussions with managers are taking place on what the future will look like.
- c. **Retirement of Director – August 20, 2021:** Dan Brattset announced he is retiring in August 2021. He has been with Human Services for over 20 years. Dan stated he has good staff and is confident the agency will be in good hands. Dan indicated the hope is for him to have a 30-day overlap with the new director.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Sauk County Human Services Board will be May 10, 2021, at 4 p.m. in the County Board Room 326A.

Motion by Michelle Bushweiler, seconded by Cliff Thompson, to adjourn at 5:09 p.m. Motion carried.