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SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting: September 12, 2022, 4:30 p.m., County Board Room 326A, West Square Building, Baraboo, WI

Chair, Patricia Rego called the meeting to order and certified compliance with the Open Meeting Law at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Patricia Rego, Valerie McAuliffe, Jake Roxen, Cliff Thompson, Joan Fordham, James Bowers, Joel Chrisler, Delmar Scanlon; EXCUSED: None; ABSENT: None.

Others Present: Jessica Mijal, Stephanie Box, Nicole Rachuj

Motion by Valerie McAuliffe, seconded by Joan Fordham to adopt agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by James Bowers, seconded by Cliff Thompson, to approve the minutes for the previous Human Services Board meeting held on August 8, 2022. Motion carried.

Delmar Scanlon arrived at 4:31 p.m.

Chair, Patricia Rego announced Eric Scheunemann has resigned as a citizen board member. A new citizen board member is needed which requires having some type of connection to Human Services.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Communications/Director's Report:**

- a. **Board Materials:** Distributed electronically. Jessica Mijal gave an update regarding the Legislative Breakfast in August. Well attended with local and state representation, along with some board members, department heads, and the Sauk County Administrator. Nice opportunity to share concerns, in particular with the budget. Jessica took the opportunity to discuss some of the challenges. The goal is to have another meeting next year or possibly a couple per year. Jessica felt the conversation was valuable. A couple representatives reached out to Jessica about some of the financial challenges and increased understanding of programs Sauk County Department of Human Services (DHS) has.

Update on open position for the Community Support Program. Two weeks ago, interviews were conducted, DHS was not able to make an offer from those interviewed. There was not a very large applicant pool, and the position has been re-posted with an open date until filled.

Last Thursday, Jessica participated in the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) executive board planning session in which she is a representative for the southern region. It was about priority setting for the next budget cycle for WCHSA. Present were Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) who are taking the lead on some of the budget priorities. A lot about strategizing, messaging, how to package different programs and requests together in a way that would be attractive to those who are going to be making budget decisions. The two top priorities after surveying the counties are Crisis and Community Support Program billing. Looking at increasing Medicaid reimbursement for those programs. The Wisconsin Counties Association is going to take those two items on as a priority and lobby for those to be changed within the next budget cycle. There are a lot of other needs.

First round of opioid dollars came in a small amount. Brent Miller, Sauk County Administrator, has requested Jessica Mijal and the Public Health Director discuss how those dollars will be used.

Class and comp study was to start in September but has been delayed until October. First part will be a meeting with McGrath (classification and compensation study firm) to discuss the department needs and from there in-depth description reviews.

**Business Items:**

- a. **Discussion and Action to Approve Monthly Vouchers:** Distributed electronically. Stephanie Box reviewed the Monthly Voucher Report. Motion by Valerie McAuliffe, seconded by Delmar Scanlon, to approve monthly vouchers in the amount of \$2,769,189.34. Motion carried.

- b. Accounts Receivable Report: Distributed electronically. Stephanie Box reviewed the Accounts Receivable Report for July 2022. Medicaid Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) is 80.4% of our receivables. Year-to-date sent to collections: Credit Management, 54 accounts for \$22,824.08; State Debt Collections, 82 accounts for \$144,199.53. Revenue received: \$9,590.47 from Credit Management, \$6,072.59 from State Debt Collections, and \$39,286.38 from TRIP.
- c. Discussion and Action to Approve Collection Requests: Motion by James Bowers, seconded by Delmar Scanlon, to approve sending 11 accounts for \$1,551.30 to Credit Management Control and 12 accounts for \$7,860.00 State Debt Collections. Motion carried.
- d. Monthly Reports: Distributed electronically. Stephanie Box discussed the July 2022 Volatile Line report. Stephanie reported it is still projected to have unfavorable volatile lines, but less than projected the previous month. Institutions is one of the items which were brought down a bit due to bills from August being less than projected. Child care institutions were brought down slightly due to changes of placements.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Sauk County Human Services Board will be October 10, 2022, at 4 p.m. in County Board Room 326A.

Motion by Valerie McAuliffe, seconded by James Bowers, to adjourn at 4:49 p.m. Motion carried.

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