

MINUTES
SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting: December 11, 2023, 4 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.

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

Others Present: Jessica Mijal, Stephanie Box, Nicole Rachuj, Amanda Hanson, Noah Lehman, Ben Miller, Ali Platt, Sasha Ripley, Leigh Yurczyk

Motion by James Bowers, seconded by Valerie McAuliffe, to adopt agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Valerie McAuliffe, seconded by Joan Fordham, to approve the minutes for the previous Human Services Board Meeting held on November 13, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Communications/Director's Report:

- a. Board Materials: Distributed electronically. Jessica Mijal stated January 1, 2024, will start the after-hours crisis by Northwest Connections. They have hired 3-4 local workers in the region. Their goal is to hire a total of 6.

The wage study appeals are completed. There were 5 appeals within Department of Human Services (DHS) with two appeals for title changes. One was approved and the other was not. There were three appeals for a wage increase; all three were denied.

Options for Child Protective Services (CPS) include a premium pay which will be in place by 1/1/2024.

Economic Support shout-out to the staff. Currently there are long waits throughout the state consortiums. This is due to pandemic funds ending. Jessica had heard that Wisconsin is third in the nation for timely processing. May 1 – October 1, 2023, the Capital Consortium processed 803,000 work items, 40,000 renewals, 36,000 applications, and 213,000 documents.

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 Cliff Thompson, to approve monthly vouchers in the amount of \$2,725,973.80. Motion carried.
- b. Accounts Receivable Report: Distributed electronically. Stephanie Box reviewed the Accounts Receivable Report for October 2023. Year to date have sent 86 accounts to Credit Management for \$133,816.69 and 69 accounts to State Debt Collections for \$72,067.95. Revenues received year to date: Credit Management \$4,788.39 and State Debt Collections \$18,248.97. Trip revenues received is \$19,508.57. No hardships have been authorized to date.
- c. Discussion and Action to Approve Collection Requests: Motion by Joan Fordham, seconded by James Bowers, to approve sending 9 accounts for \$2,589.90 to Credit Management Control and 2 accounts for \$1,411.70 to State Debt Collections. Motion carried.
- d. Monthly Reports: Distributed electronically. Stephanie Box discussed the DHS and Justice, Diversion, and Support (JDS) October 2023 Monthly Operations Statement along with the October 2023 Volatile Line report.
- e. Discussion and Action to Approve 2024 State and County Grant Award Contract Covering Social Services and Community Programs: Stephanie Box discussed. Motion by Joan Fordham, seconded by Valerie

McAuliffe, to approve the 2024 State and County Grant Award Contract Covering Social Services and Community Programs in the amount of \$2,342,142.00. Motion carried.

- f. Discussion and Action to Approve 2024 Income Maintenance Consortium Contract: Stephanie Box discussed. Motion by Valerie McAuliffe, seconded by James Bowers, to approve the 2024 Income Maintenance Consortium Contract in the amount of \$910,298.00. Motion carried.
- g. Discussion and Action to Approve 2024 State County Child Welfare Contract: Stephanie discussed. Motion by Valerie McAuliffe, seconded by Joan Fordham, to approve the 2024 State County Child Welfare Contract in the amount of \$2,248,599.16. Motion carried.
- h. Discussion and Action to Approve 2024 State County Child Care Contract: Stephanie discussed. Motion by James Bowers, seconded by Valerie McAuliffe, to approve the 2024 State County Child Care Contract in the amount of \$98,333.00. Motion carried.

Department Updates:

- a. Presentation” Justice, Diversion, and Support (JDS), Amanda Hanson, JDS Manager: Amanda Hanson discussed the purpose of JDS in making a positive impact on the criminal justice system in Sauk County. The program is designed to break the alcohol and drug use cycle and reduce crime. As of the day prior, there have been 42 graduates from the program. Amanda adds the program would not be as successful without her team. Each team member introduced themselves.

Team members include:

- Ben Miller – Recovery Support Network Program Case Manager
- Noah Lehman – Adult Treatment Court Case Coordinator
- Leigh Yurczyk – Adult Treatment Court Case Coordinator
- Sasha Ripley – Educational Navigator
- Ali Platt – Diversion Supervision Coordinator

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Sauk County Human Services Board will be January 8, 2024, at 4 p.m. in County Board Room 326A.

Motion by James Bowers, seconded by Joan Fordham, to adjourn at 4:37 p.m. Motion carried.

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