

WRIGHT COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
July 11, 2016

1:30 P.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The regular meeting of the Wright County Health & Human Services Board was called to order at 1:31 P.M., Monday, July 11, 2016, by Chairperson Daleiden.

MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2016.

Action: The Minutes were moved for approval by Borrell, seconded by Potter and carried.

AGENDA:

Action: The Agenda was moved for approval by Husom, seconded by Potter and carried.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Christine Husom - District 1

Michael Potter - District 4

Charlie Borrell - District 5

Mark Daleiden - District 3

Staff Present:

Jami Goodrum Schwartz, Director

Michelle Miller, Social Services Manager

Christine Partlow, Business Manager

Kimberly Johnson, Financial Services Manager

Susan Gillman, Office Manager II

Jon Young, Public Health Supervisor

Kristie Rathmanner, Public Health Nurse

Tammi Martens, Adult Financial Services Supervisor

Heidi Davis, Office Technician II

New Hires: Kaylan Wurm – Financial Worker – Financial Services (Health Care Unit), date of hire 7/5/16

Belynda Pageau - Office Technician 1 – Fiscal, Technology & Support Division, date of hire 7/5/16

Others Present:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Social Services Payments Abstract – \$ 163,748.33

Action: Moved for approval Borrell, seconded by Husom and motion carried unanimously.

2. Fiscal Technology & Support Unit Retreat – September 29, 2016

Action: Moved for approval by Borrell, seconded by Husom and motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE PAYMENTS: \$ 49,145.23

Action: Request made by Goodrum Schwartz to modify and subsequently approve Administrative Payments for the amount of \$53,395.23. There is an additional \$4,250 for upcoming training for Supervisors and Managers provided by Dr. Robert Sicora. Moved for approval by Potter, seconded by Husom and motion carried unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC HEALTH/FINANCIAL SERVICES:

1. Wellness on Wheels Program Presentation (Jon Young, Kristie Rathmanner)

Jon Young, Public Health Supervisor, began by explaining that the Wellness on Wheel's Program was established in 1995; primarily to help increase immunization rates. Allina Health donated an old ambulance and it was officially registered as the WOW van with the State of Minnesota shortly thereafter. In 1998, Public Health assessed the County health needs which they concluded the need was to offer more preventative health services. In 1999, planning efforts began to purchase a new 35 foot van through community grants; this is the current van that Public Health still uses. In 2000, the WOW program was able to expand with 14 new health services. To date, 75,591 people have received services. Also in 2000, the WOW program won the Association of Minnesota County Achievement Award. In 2001, the WOW program was awarded the Hassle-Free Government Award through Governor Jesse Ventura Administration. In 2002, the WOW program won yet another award from the National Partnership for Immunizations; the Excellence in Immunization Award.

Kristie Rathmanner, Public Health Nurse, provided the Commissioners a calendar of the current Wellness on Wheel's services. The WOW van currently travels to Monticello, Delano, Cokato and Annandale to provide these services to County residents. Rathmanner shared that many immunizations are done as well as cholesterol and blood pressure screenings. From there, they can offer education and resources to clients given their particular situation. Last year, Public Health received a grant from United Way which enabled them to provide prediabetes screenings to clients. They received this grant again this year which is a positive as many clients have utilized this testing. Looking into the future, Public Health is hoping to incorporate other subprograms into the Wellness on Wheel's program. Rathmanner shared that a client at a recent WOW location thanked Public Health staff for the cholesterol screening they provided him and after finding out he had high cholesterol, and following up with his primary clinic like he was recommended to do from WOW staff, he said he has made lifestyle changes and his cholesterol is back to normal. He was very appreciative of the services he was so easily and affordably able to obtain.

Jon Young explained that the current WOW RV is 17 years old and it is limited in who can drive the van as a special class license is needed to operate the van; a smaller vehicle would also be far more fuel efficient. He has received some estimates and bids for a smaller vehicle which includes the proper equipment they would need to haul certain vaccinations around and other miscellaneous items they utilize. A smaller vehicle would allow the WOW program to be able to visit City Halls, Rec Centers, Fire Departments, as well as community events. The rough estimate Young has received, which includes the economy van and the extra items they need, is around \$41,000. Commissioner Borrell asked if the WOW program has decreased utilization with the new Health Care Reform Act and if this money is best spent towards a van for this program. Young explained that often individuals and families still have very high deductibles that are keeping them from going to the doctor and there are simply people who still do not carry health insurance coverage. Goodrum Schwartz stated that Public Health is focusing on their Public Health Nurses being the first point of contact residents in need can go to. Commissioner Daleiden shared that he feels it is extremely beneficial to local residents to be able to seek out Public Health for medical advice and in turn, Public Health can encourage residents to see their primary clinics as well as offer health education and coaching which is a positive outcome for our entire community. Commissioner Borrell asking Young and Schefers to get an estimate of what the current costs are to run the WOW program. Young will be bringing the information requested by Commissioner Borrell as well as the information that was shared today to the upcoming Capital Improvement Committee.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Comprehensive Civil Rights Plan –

Goodrum Schwartz provided a handout for the Commissioners. DHS requested an updated Civil Rights Plan. Wright County has added 20 pages to their current plan. The deadline was initially July 1, but Goodrum Schwartz received an extension. This plan is in regards to discrimination complaints. DHS has become more compliant heavy so this plan needs to be easily accessible to County residents and clients.

2. Mental Health Task Force –

The following five individuals submitted applications to be a part of the Mental Health Task Force. Diane Erkens reviewed all of the applications.

- Carl Harju
- Danna Bromaghin
- Sandra Greninger
- Mary Sodergren
- Krysta Mitchell

Action: Moved for approval by Potter, seconded by Borrell and motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Health Task Force –

The following individual applied to fill the opening on the Public Health Task Force. Weatherford is the Director of Wright County Community Action.

- Jay Weatherford

Action: Moved for approval by Borrell, seconded by Husom and motion carried unanimously.

4. Director's Comments –

Goodrum Schwartz pointed out that the Human Resource Director, Sunny Hesse, is working on getting formal reporting regarding staff turnover; this will include factual data.

The next regular meeting will be held at 1:30 P.M., Monday, July 25, 2016, in the Commissioners Room, at the Wright County Government Center. Chairperson Daleiden adjourned the meeting at 2:19 P.M.