

Richland County

HHS & Veterans Standing Committee

February 9, 2023

The Richland County Health and Human Services & Veterans Committee convened on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in the County Board room at 181 W. Seminary Street, in person, via videoconference and teleconference.

Committee members present included Ken Rynes, Francis Braithwaite, Lee Van Landuyt, and Ingrid Glasbrenner. Danielle Rudersdorf, Kerry Severson, Dr. Jerel Berres, Francis Braithwaite, Cindy Chicker, Tim Gottschall, Donald Seep and Sherry Hillesheim, attended by Web Ex.

Department heads, staff, and public present were, Trisha Clements, Angie Rizner, Meghan Rohn, Jaymie Bruckner, Karen Knock. Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Jessica Tisdale, Stephanie Ronnfeldt, Teresa Nundahl, Sharon Pasold, Betsy Rosler, Misty Molzof, and Briana Turk logged in by WebEx. John Couey was present from MIS running the teleconferencing.

Not Present:

Agenda:

1. **Call to order:** Committee Chair Ingrid Glasbrenner called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Rynes.
3. **Proof of notification:** Chair Ingrid Glasbrenner verified that the meeting had been properly posted.
4. **Approve Agenda: item number 7 move** Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Francis Braithwaite to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion Carried.
5. **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Lee Van Landuyt, seconded by Ken Rynes to approve the January 12, 2023 Health & Human Services & Veterans Standing Committee minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Public Comment:** No comments were offered.

Veterans Service Office

Consent Items:

7. **2023 VSO Budget Summary:** The VSO Budget was made available and was reviewed by Karen Knock. There was nothing unusual to report.

Administrative Report:

8. **Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock:** Karen Knock provided highlights of recent and upcoming events and activities involving the department.
9. **VSO Report on the Theodore “Teddy” R. Rue Fund:** Karen Knock gave a brief history of the Theodore R. Rue fund. There was an initial donation in 1977 from the estate of Theodore Rue in the amount of \$2,583 to be utilized by the county to support veterans. Resolution 77-30 gave the Veterans Service Commission authority over the utilization of these funds. Karen Knock is requesting that funds be utilized by various Richland County Departments as needed to support veterans in need. The policy, procedure for accessing funds and supporting documents were placed in the committee folder for review, and approval.

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Discussion was held regarding how funds have been utilized in the past. While funds have been used sporadically over the years, additional funds were donated back from other sources. If additional donations are made to the office, they will be directed to the American Legion who has a needy veterans fund. Discussion was held regarding the dissolution of this account once funds have been utilized. This item will be brought back to the next meeting for further review and approval.

10. VSO Future Budget Response: No discussion held.

Health & Human Services

Consent Items

11. HHS Expenditures Report (Vouchers and Expenditures over \$2,000 but less than \$10,000): The Health and Human Services Expenditure Report was made available for review.

12. 2022 HHS Budget Summary & Richland County Placement Report: The Health and Human Services Budget Summary and Richland County Placement Report were made available to the committee. There are still 2022 expenses that are being paid, as well as additional revenues coming in for December. The goal is to close books by the middle of March.

13. 2022 HHS Contract Monitoring Report: Angie Rizner explained that while most invoices have been submitted through December, there may be a few more coming in. The report was made available in the committee folder for review.

Action Items:

14. Approve HHS contracts, Agreements, and Amendments:

RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
2022 NEW HHS CONTRACT/AGREEMENT/MOU APPROVALS (2-9-2023)		
THE GYM-BOREE, LLC	To provide recreation/alternative activities and health & wellness to children with disabilities being served by the Behavioral Health Services Unit. (Richland Center)	For a total amount not to exceed \$11,000
UNITED SEATING AND MOBILITY, LLA DBA NUMOTION	To provide specialized medical and therapeutic supplies to children with disabilities being served by the Behavioral Health Services Unit. (Wauwatosa)	For a total amount not to exceed \$11,000.

Motion by Lee Van Landuty, seconded by Danielle Rudersdorf to approve the new 2023 contracts. Motion carried.

15. Approve the Application & Acceptance of Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant: The Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Grant provides evidence based programming to individuals who have had three charges of Operating While Intoxicated or more. Health and Human Services has been providing these services in partnership with the court, law enforcement, and other community providers since 2017. In 2022 the Drug Court Program was added due to the significant increase in the number of drug related offenses in the last several years. The Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Grant would provide \$173,333 to fund both programs through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, and Department of Health Services, with a county match up to \$43,333. Up to \$16,230 of this match would be in-kind funding.

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Brandi Christenson, Treatment Court Coordinator, attended and provided some background on herself and the program. Ken Rynes asked if the \$27,103 of cash match is paid for by participants. Tricia Clements explained that this match is fulfilled through in-kind services.

Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Cindy Chicker to approve the application and acceptance of a Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant totaling up to \$173,333 administered through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, and Department of Health Services with a county match up to \$43,333 to serve individuals in need of drug and alcohol treatment court services in Richland County, and forward the recommendation onto the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Richland County Opioid Needs Assessment Presentation: As a result of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Richland County could be granted \$215,315.52 after litigation fees, if funds are partially securitized. Funds would be distributed over a 15-year period to address the opioid epidemic including prevention, treatment, and recovery. Misty Molzof presented the results of an Opioid Needs Assessment that was completed by the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, providing guidance on how these funds could be utilized. Three priorities were identified: support transportation opportunities, remove/reduce barriers to treatment, and improve coordination. Richland County Health and Human Services would like to have a team approach to determine how to utilize these funds and it was determined that a task force should be created

Motion by Lee Van Landuyt, seconded by Cindy Chicker to direct Tricia Clements to create a committee comprised of employees from Health and Human Services, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Richland Center Police Department, and the Richland County Judge to take the recommendations of the Opioid Needs Assessment and create a proposal to the full County Board on how the funds should be best utilized to support the residents of Richland County. Motion carried.

- 16. Approve Resolution to Honor Rose Kohout, Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer:** As a result of Rose Kohout's employment history and work with the COVID-19 pandemic response, it is being recommended she be recognized by the County Board by resolution.

Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Francis Braithwaite to recommend a resolution to the County Board recognizing the retirement of Ms. Rose Kohout, Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

- 17. Director, Tricia Clements:** Tricia Clements provided highlights and program updates for each unit of the agency including staffing updates, trainings, events, and updates on new and ongoing initiatives.

- 18. HHS Future Budget Response:** No Discussion held.

Personnel:

- 19. HHS Personnel Updates:** Angie Rizner announced the hiring of Brandie Anderson, Interim Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer, effective January 23, 2023; and MacKenzie Fischer, Mental Health Case Manager, effective January 23, 2023. Kiah Holtzman, Child and Youth Services Case Manager, successfully passed the probationary period and was placed on regular status, effective February 15, 2023. Resignations were also reported for Kelly McCann, Psychiatric RN, effective February 16, 2023; and Cecilia Christenson, leased Family Preservation Worker; effective January 31, 2023.

Advertising or interviewing is occurring for a Comprehensive Community Services Supervisor and a Public Health Manager/Local Health Officer. All other vacant positions are on hold at this time.

- 20. Review of Committee Purpose and Committee Structure Tasks:** With changing over to the County Administrator form of government, discussion was held regarding the purposed, roles and structure of the

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Health and Human Services and Veterans Standing Committee. Ingrid Glasbrenner reviewed the Section 7 of the Richland County Board Committee Structure, outlining the description of the committee.

Discussion was held regarding how best the committee can support the departments. Trish Clements identified prioritizing programs, providing advocacy in the community, and acting as a liaison to the full County board as the best ways the Health and Human Services and Veterans Standing Committee can support departments. Additional roles such as assistance with goal setting, the provision of guidance and oversight, and accountability to tax payers were also discussed by numerous committee members. Tricia Clements will be bringing forward department goals at a future meeting for committee input and guidance.

Closing:

21. Future Agenda Items:

- CVSO Supplemental Grant and proposed use.
- Theodore "Teddy" R. Rue Fund policy and procedure review and approval.
- VSO Future Budget Response.
- HHS Future Budget Response.

22. Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Richland County Board room and via WebEx. Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meghan Rohn
Confidential Administrative Secretary