

Richland County

HHS & Veterans Standing Committee

August 10, 2023

The Richland County Health and Human Services & Veterans Committee convened on Thursday, August 10, 2023, in the County Board room at 181 W. Seminary Street, in person, via videoconference, and teleconference.

Committee members present included Kerry Severson, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Donald Seep, Ken Rynes, Sherry Hillesheim, Lee Van Landuyt, and Francis Braithwaite. Timothy Gottschall attended by WebEx.

Department heads, staff, and public present were, Trisha Clements, Meghan Rohn, Brandi Christianson, Jon Hochkammer, Candace Pesch, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Stephanie Ronnfeldt, Brandie Anderson, Karen Knock, and Jessica Tisdale. Barb Scott and Jason Marshall were present from MIS running the teleconferencing.

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:** Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt 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 July 13, 2023, Health & Human Services & Veterans Standing Committee minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comments:** No citizen comments were offered.

Veterans Service Office

Consent Items:

7. **2023 VSO Budget Summary:** Karen Knock reported that the Veterans Services Office Budget Summary Report has been posted in the Health & Human Services and Veterans Standing Committee folder for members to review. An update was given pertaining to the Teddy Rue Fund that to date, no departments have utilized any of the funds.

Administrative Report:

8. **Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock:** Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock, provided highlights and program updates for the Veterans Services Office. Outreach efforts over the last few months were reviewed, and it was also noted the cemetery office review is still ongoing.

Karen Knock left the meeting.

Health & Human Services

Consent Items

9. **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.
10. **2023 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.

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11. 2022 HHS Contract Monitoring Report: The Health and Human Services Contract Monitoring Report was made available in the committee folder for review. Tricia Clements noted there are three contracts on the report that will need to be updated and amended. These will be brought back for approval next month.

Action Items:

12. Approve Amended HHS contracts, Agreements, and Amendments: There were no new or amended contracts, agreements, or amendments needing approval this month.

13. Approve the Coordinated Services Team (CST) Initiative Grant: Brandi Christianson discussed the Coordinated Services Team Grant administered through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The Grant awards up to \$60,000 with a required \$12,000.39 county match, and is intended to be used to serve youth in need of wraparound treatment who have complex behavioral health treatment needs. Motion by Kerry Severson, seconded by Ken Rynes to approve the application and acceptance of a Coordinated Services Team Grant (CST) Grant totaling up to \$60,000 with a \$12,000.39 county match for the 2024 calendar year, and forward the recommendation onto the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

14. Approve the 2024 Treatment Court Grant: Brandi Christianson discussed the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant administered through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, and Department of Health Services. The Grant awards up to \$173,333 with up to a required \$43,333 county match, and is intended to provide services to individuals in need of drug and alcohol treatment court services in Richland County. Motion by Lee Van Landuyt, seconded by Ken Rynes to approve the application and acceptance of a Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant totaling up to \$173,333 with an up to \$43,333 county match for the 2024 calendar year, and forward the recommendation onto the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

15. Director, Tricia Clements: Tricia Clements provided highlights and program updates for each unit of the agency including staffing updates, trainings, events, and new and ongoing initiatives. A written handout was provided in the folder for committee members to review. Tricia Clements highlighted several items from the report including the agency's ability to hire a Public Health RN who will start on August 28, 2023, as well as a Substance Abuse Counselor. The UW-Extension staff continue to be housed in the Community Services Building and this arrangement seems to be going smoothly. Tricia Clements will be attending a tour of the hospital in September to learn more about plans for the potential building of a new facility. An update was provided regarding the opioid settlement funds, and it was noted an additional \$17,000 was recently received and a committee has been created to determine the best way to utilize these funds.

16. Review and Discuss the 2024 HHS Budget: Trisha Clements reviewed the details of the 2023 Health and Human Services Budget and highlighted where costs have increased and where savings have been found. It was noted that administration costs have gone down due to several positions being eliminated and emphasized that the Building and Operating costs in the Health and Human Services budget include all building expenses for the Community Services Building. These costs are not offset by the other departments housed within the building. Other areas and programs where additional levy was requested, cost saving changes were made, or increased revenue is expected were also reviewed.

It was also highlighted that Health and Human services was tasks with creating a budget that included a 5% + 1 step wage increase, and a 13% increase in health insurance rates. The budget being presented includes this request and comes in \$76,000 under the levy amount from the previous year.

Closing:

17. Future Agenda Items:

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18. Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Richland County Boardroom and via WebEx. Motion by Tim Gottschall, seconded by Ken Rynes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meghan Rohn
Confidential Administrative Secretary