

Richland County

HHS & Veterans Standing Committee

January 11, 2024

The Richland County Health and Human Services & Veterans Committee convened on Thursday, January 11, 2024 in the County Board room at 181 W. Seminary Street, in person, via videoconference, and teleconference.

Committee members present included, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Ken Rynes, Lee Van Landuyt, Francis Braithwaite, Donald Seep, Cindy Chicker, and Sherry Hillesheim attended by WebEx.

Committee Members Absent: Kerry Severson, Timothy Gottschall, Dr. Jerel Berres,

Department heads, staff, and public present were Tricia Clements, Stephanie Ronnfeldt, Meghan Rohn, Jaymie Bruckner, Jessica Tisdale, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber. Brandi Christianson, Brandie Anderson, Briana Turk, and Barb Scott attended by WebEx.

Agenda:

1. **Call to order:** Committee Chair Ingrid Glasbrenner called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Rynes.
3. **Proof of notification:** Committee Chair Ingrid Glasbrenner verified that the meeting had been properly posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** 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 Francis Braithwaite to approve the December 14, 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. Approximately \$16,000 was returned to the general fund for 2023 due to the AARPA funds that were received. There were no other major updates to report. Don Seep questioned why the \$3000 for needy families was not used. Karen Knock explained there were no requests received.

Administrative Report:

8. **Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock:** Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock, provided highlights and program updates for the Veterans Services Office including an increase in their walk-in and call volume and the various services people are seeking this time of year. Discussion was held regarding some of the specific numbers provided in the forms and walk-in tracking reports.

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.

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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 and Stephanie Ronnfeldt provided highlights and noted there will still be some expenses coming in for 2023.

11. 2022 HHS Contract Monitoring Report: The Health and Human Services Contract Monitoring Report was made available in the committee folder for review. Jaymie Bruckner reviewed some of the contracts that were over utilization.

Action Items:

12. Approve Amended HHS contracts, Agreements, and Amendments:

RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2023 AMENDED HHS CONTRACT/AGREEMENT/MOU APPROVALS (1-11-2024)		
FAMILY SUPPORTS SERVICES LTC	Due to an increased care need for parenting and safety support services for families being served in the Child & Youth Services Unit. (Westby)	<i>Original Contract Amount:</i> \$9,500 To a total amount not to exceed \$18,000.
FERGUSON CONSULTING, LLC	To provide Mental Health Therapy Clinical Supervision for staff providing Mental Health Outpatient Therapy to persons being served by the Behavioral Health Services Unit. (Richland Center)	<i>Original Contract Amount:</i> \$2,500 To a total amount not to exceed \$2,600.

Motion by Lee Van Landuyt, seconded by Francis Braithwaite to approve the amended 2023 contracts. Motion carried.

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RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2024 NEW HHS CONTRACT/AGREEMENT/MOU APPROVALS (1-11-2024)		
VIROQUA NUTRITION COUNSELING, LLC	To provide Recovery Education and Wellness Management services for client enrolled in Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and being served by the Behavioral Health Services Unit. (Waukesha)	For a total amount not to exceed \$15,000.
FISCAL ASSISTANCE, INC.	To provide Financial Management services for clients enrolled in Children’s Long Term Support program (CLTS) and who being served by the Behavioral Health Services Unit. (Madison)	For a total amount not to exceed \$40,000.
IRIS HEALTH CLINIC-WOODS CROSSING	To provide Inpatient AODA services for adults being served by the Behavioral Health Services Unit. (Waukesha)	For a total amount not to exceed \$6,000.
SUNSHINE AND GIGGLES, LLC	To provide child care services to fulfill safety plan implementation for children being served by the Child and Youth Services Unit. (Richland Center)	For a total amount not to exceed \$9,500.
MOE’S TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER	To provide group home placement services for youth being served by the Child and Youth Services Unit. (Richland Center)	For a total amount not to exceed \$49,500.

Motion by Lee Van Landuyt, seconded by Ken Rynes to approve the new 2024 contracts. Motion carried.

13. Approve Resolution to Honor Joanne Welsh, Elder Benefit Specialist: Tricia Clements announced that Joanne Welsh has retired after 39 years of service to Richland County. During her service she was an active part in countless events and committees for our community. Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt to approve a resolution recognizing the retirement of Joanne Welsh, and forward the recommendation onto the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Administrative Report:

14. 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.

Closing:

15. Future Agenda Items:

16. Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Richland County Boardroom and via WebEx. Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Francis Braithwaie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Meghan Rohn
 Confidential Administrative Secretary