

Richland County Community & Health Services Standing Committee

February 6, 2025

The Richland County Community & Health Services Standing Committee convened on Thursday, February 6, 2025 in person and virtually at 9:30 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Glasbrenner called the meeting to order at 09:30 AM

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee members present: Mary Miller via WebEx, Sandra Kramer via WebEx, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Michelle Harwick via WebEx, Dr. Jerel Barres, Francis Braithwaite, and Cynthia Chicker. Committee members absent: Daniel McGuire.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Chicker, second by Braithwaite to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

Approval Of Minutes From January 9, 2025 Meeting: Chair Glasbrenner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the January 9, 2025 meeting. Hearing none, Chair Glasbrenner declared the minutes approved as published.

Public Comment: None present for Public Comment.

Reports

A. HHS Director: Administrative Report: Health and Human Services Director, Tricia Clements presented the HHS February 2025 Updates report to the committee for their review. Director Clements highlighted several items from the report including the ADRC Point In Time numbers, a Power of Attorney training event, the 2024 Child and Youth Services counts. Director Clements thanked the Child and Youth Services staff for their hard work and made note of the reunification efforts made during the 2024 year. Director Clements reported that the Behavioral Health Unit continues to be very busy due to the need in the community and that there was one opening in the Economic Support Unit due to a resignation. Director Clements expressed concerns to the committee related to the effects of any possible cuts to Medicaid at the Federal level and made note of all the services and programs currently provided by the Health and Human Services department that are funded by Medicaid dollars. Discussion ensued.

B. HHS Expenditures Report (Vouchers & Expenditures Over \$2,000 But Less Than \$10,000): Health and Human Services Business & Financial Services Manager, Stephanie Ronnfeldt presented the February 2025 Expenditure Report. Brief discussion ensued.

C. 2024 HHS Budget Summary & Richland County Placement Report: Health and Human Services Business & Financial Services Manager, Stephanie Ronnfeldt gave a brief report on the HHS Budget Summary and Richland County Placement Report. Ms. Ronnfeldt noted that the adult placements was at 99% usage as of December 2024 and the child placements were at 88% usage as of December 2024. Brief discussion ensued.

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D. 2024 Budget Summary: Health and Human Services Business & Financial Services Manager, Stephanie Ronnfeldt presented the 2024 HHS Budget Summary to the committee and pointed out that the high expenditures were ARPA expenditures. Brief discussion ensued.

E. Child Support Quarterly Report: Richland County Child Support Director, Melony Walters joined via WebEx and presented the 2024 Quarter 4 report for the Child Support Agency. Director Walters noted that the Child Support Agency had met all of their bench marks from October through December of 2024 and briefly went over the Child Support budget report and noted that the agency was at 80% budget usage. Director Walters reported that there were a few updates in the office including better furniture, new privacy screens, the work being done to turn the back area of the office into a confidential meeting space, and the updates being made to the Child Support Agency manual. Brief discussion ensued.

Discussion & Possible Action: Resolution Approving Amendments To Two 2024 Provider Contracts For The Health And Human Services Department: Director Clements gave a brief explanation of the need to amend two of the 2024 contracts. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Kramer, second by Harwick to approve the resolution approving amendments to two 2024 provider contracts for the Health and Human Services Department. Motion carried and the resolution approving amendments to two 2024 provider contracts for the Health and Human Services Department was approved and moved on to County Board for final approval.

Correspondence: None

Future Agenda Items:

Report: ARPA Spending Plan – Tricia Clements
Report: HHS Organizational Report – Tricia Clements
Report: Contract Monitoring Report – Tricia Clements
Report: 2024 Survey Results – Tricia Clements

Adjourn: Committee Chair Glasbrenner entertained a motion to adjourn to March 6, 2025. Motion by Braithwaite, second by Chicker to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk