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CORRECTED MINUTES OF THE

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Government Center, County Board Room, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2020

This meeting was available for viewing through Webex videoconference and teleconference

*Corrections of the May 12, 2020 minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Bonneprise at 10:25 a.m.

Members present

Attendee Name	Title	Status
John Bonneprise	Chair	Present
Joe Demulling	Vice Chair	Present
Jim Edgell	Supervisor	Present
Amy Middleton	Supervisor	Present
Fran Duncanson	Supervisor	Absent and *Excused
William Alleva	Citizen	Present
Sabrina Meddaugh	Citizen	Present
*Rita McKee	Citizen	Present
Dr. Arne Lagus	Citizen	Present

Also present: Shabana Lundeen, Deputy County Clerk; Tonya Eichel, Community Services Director; Kathy Gingras, Community Services Business Operations Manager; Lisa Lavasseur, Behavioral Health Director; Brian Kaczmariski, Public Health Director; Leigh Wahlen, DCF Director; Malia Malone, Corp Council; Chad Roberts, Director of General Government; Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Mike Prichard, Supervisor; Laura Nieve, Head of ADRC and Diana Peterson, Economic Support Manager.

Chairman Bonneprise opened for nominations for Board Chairperson.

Nominated were John Bonneprise and Joe Demulling. **Nomination** for John Bonneprise as Chairperson was carried by a roll call vote with 5 (Bonneprise, Edgell, McKee, Meddaugh, and Lagus) to 3 (Demulling, Middleton, Alleva).

Chairman Bonneprise opened for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Nominated were Amy Middleton and Joe Demulling. **Nomination** for Joe Demulling as Vice-Chair was carried by a roll call vote with 6 (Bonneprise, Edgell, McKee, Alleva, Meddaugh, and Lagus) to 2 (Demulling and Middleton).

Approval of Agenda- Chair Bonneprise called for a motion to approve agenda. **Motion** (Demulling/Middleton) to approve agenda. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes- Chair Bonneprise called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting.

Motion (Alleva/Demulling) to approve the minutes. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Jim Edgell cited an error in reference to his presence at the previous meeting be changed to Present, he attended virtually and was unable to speak, however he was present.

Public Comment – No public comments were received by the Board.

Announcements and Committee Information – No announcements or information was shared to the Board.

Reports and Presentations

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation from Tonya Eichelt, Community Services Division Director, regarding the accomplishments in the previous year.

The Board received a report and update from Director Eichelt about the current status of grants and contracts with regard to funding for a multi-jurisdictional coalition for Western WI Working for Tobacco Free Living, the Forward Health Outreach Grant, and the Department of Children and families that was awarded \$53,000 in extra funds. They also applied for, but were not granted, the Drug Free Communities grant, though there are plans to apply again this year.

The Board discussed and reviewed the 2021 budget priorities as well as the 2020-2022 strategic plan as presented by Tonya Eichelt of the Community Services Division.

The Preliminary End of year Report was brought to the Board by Director Eichelt for discussion. There was commendation for Tonya, Social Workers, and the Community Services Division as a whole for their work with the community as well as their ability to improve processes and apply efficient business practices.

Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members – Supervisor Mike Prichard provided the Board with a Memorandum to the Board for discussion, pertaining to lack of public transportation in Polk County.

Discussion Items

Supervisor Middleton presented information to the Board regarding a resolution to support the Public Health Department during COVID pandemic and discussed the possibility of implementing a resolution to encourage any policy changes with relaxing of the Stay at Home orders to be in consultation with Public Health Professionals. Brian Kaczmarek updated the board with COVID numbers in response to this possible resolution, with the current negative results at 654, and 5 confirmed positive cases. It was suggested to the Board by Malia Malone, to await the results of the legislative rulings, along with waiting out the frequent new changes to the Stay at Home Order. Vince Netherland, the Administrator, also brought to the attention of the Board, the implementation of the Business Recovery Task Force that is in place to assist businesses with best practices with regards to opening up.

Items for the next Agenda -

Next Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Chair Bonneprise called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion** (Edgell/Demulling) to adjourn.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair Bonneprise declared meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shabana Lundeen, Deputy County Clerk



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AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

County Board Room

May 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum of the County Board may be present

Webex Virtual Meeting Info:

Meeting Number (access code): **960 069 727**

Password: **HHSmeeting**

- Join Online: <https://polkwi.webex.com>
- Join by Phone: 1-408-418-9388

Because of the nature of this virtual meeting, there will not be an option for public comment; however, members of the public who would like to make a written comment prior to the meeting may email their comments to: countyclerk@co.polk.wi.us You may also mail in comments to the topics, however they may not be received and provided to the Supervisors by the date of the meeting.

Packet: Agenda/Notice of Meeting; Minutes of April 14, 2020 Meeting; 2020 Workplan; Resolutions and/or Other Items

Materials: April 14, 2020 Minutes; 2020 Work Plan

1. Call to Order Health and Human Services Board Meeting-Chairman Bonneprise
2. Election of Committee Officers
 - a. Elect Committee Chair
 - b. Elect Committee Vice-Chair
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes for April 14, 2020
5. BHHS Accomplishments
6. Grant/Contract update
7. 2021 Budget priorities discussion/2020-2022 Strategic Plan review
8. Preliminary end of year report
9. Discussion and possible action regarding resolution to support Public Health Dept during COVID pandemic
10. Subject matters for next meeting
11. Adjourn

Items on the agenda not necessarily presented in the order listed. This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 2020

TO: Tonya Eichelt, Director, Polk County Community Services Division

**CC: John Bonneprise, Chair, Polk County Health & Human Services Board
Dean Johansen, Chair, Polk County Board
Vince Netherland, Polk County Administrator**

FROM: Mike Prichard, Supervisor, 7th District

RE: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN POLK COUNTY

At our Health & Human Services Board meeting last Tuesday, March 10th, we discussed matters that should be on the Board's 2020 Work Plan. I requested, and I believe it was the consensus, that public transportation (or the lack thereof) in Polk County should be an issue addressed by the board during 2020. (This had also been an issue raised during our December, 2019 H&HS Board meeting.) This memorandum is meant to follow-up on our brief discussion Tuesday and to record a few suggestions about what I believe is a pressing need for our quality of life in the county.

It is my understanding Polk County does not now have any public transportation as that term is commonly used. (Of course, there is busing for school children.) Some transportation on a very limited basis is provided by volunteers, non-profit organizations, etc. to certain groups, e.g. the elderly, to military veterans for trips to VA hospitals, etc.

It is envisioned that the board and Polk County should be focusing on at least four populations, and how they could find transportation to places within the county (and elsewhere):

1. Residents of the county who do not, and perhaps cannot or should not, have valid drivers' licenses;
2. Residents who regularly commute out of the county to employment;
3. Non-residents who regularly commute into the county for employment; and
4. Residents who from time-to-time need to travel to hubs in the Twin Cities, e.g. airports, shopping centers, etc.

A first step could be assembling the demographics, many of which may now be available. (Some of this may be a logical follow on to the housing study.) Another step should be to see what other, somewhat similarly situated counties, such as Barron, St. Croix, Pierce, etc., may be doing, and any opportunity to cooperate with them. Another step would be to become current on present planning by Wisconsin and Minnesota for transportation in the greater Twin Cities area.

The review should also consider transportation options and considerations regarding possible implementation: the feasibility of Uber and/or Lyft services and/or scheduled van or bus services; whether they could be profitable or would need subsidies; the possible availability of state and/or federal funding, etc. Others with more background than mine could, of course, add to this.

Resolution xx-20

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF SCIENCE-BASED DECISIONS BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND ECONOMY OF POLK COUNTY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. xx.xx authorizes the Polk County Board of Supervisors to adopt resolutions and enact ordinances and regulations that protect public health, safety and general welfare;

WHEREAS, Polk County, our nation face a most significant pandemic on US since the 1918 Spanish flu as Covid-19 spreads; It is a novel virus that medical researchers have rapidly worked to develop point of care testing that is just widely available in Wisconsin and our region in the last week;

WHEREAS, an estimated 230,000 people have already died worldwide, 63,000 in the nation and over 325 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Polk County residents are higher risk of complications of Covid - 19 based on risk factors defined in the recent Community Health Assessment – age, obesity, smoking;

WHEREAS, Polk County has only three hospitals with limited Intensive Care Units to care for the Covid-19 patients; Regardless if one needs a ventilator for Covid-19 illness, worldwide survival rate significantly decreases. In New York where the highest US case rates have been, less than 15 percent of people survive at that point. 85 % of people die if needing a ventilator.

WHEREAS, a Covid-19 surge locally or in the Twin Cities metro would impact all aspects of the critical inpatient hospital care delivery and our local economy;

WHEREAS, this shortage of Personal Protective Equipment nationally leaves our first responders, all who work in the health care system, along with their families at grave risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Polk County Board of Supervisors supports the consultation of public health and medical professionals in any changes to policies that protect the health and economy of the people of Polk County. Any relaxing of the state Stay At Home order will be in consultation with Public Health and medical professionals.