

Juneau County
Human Services Board Minutes
February 20, 2019

The Human Services Meeting was called to order by Mike Kelley in the County Board Room. It was noted that the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

Present: Mike Kelley, Tim Cottingham, Carl Wildes, Carrie Buss, Scott Ethun
Absent: Orville Robinson, Joe Lally, Peg Saylor

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Joe Lally to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Mental Health and AODA Presentation

JoAnn Geiger, Behavioral Health and Clinic Manager introduced her Mental Health and Substance Abuse staff. Danielle Moore, Supervisor; Natasha Jones, Daytime Crisis worker; Nicole Schwier, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Therapist; Staci Glynn, Mental Health Therapist for children and families; Brooke Schluter Daytime Crisis and Substance Abuse Counselor; and Ruthie Gregar, Psychiatric Nurse. This unit was down a staff member in 2018 after the retirement of a Substance Abuse Counselor in March. These positions are difficult to find qualified applicants. In November the vacancy was filled and allowed several of the staff to provide dual roles of both of mental health and substance abuse. Crisis and jail contacts have increased annually since 2012 with over 400 contacts in 2018. The partnership DHS has with law enforcement has successfully reduced the need of consumer's emergency detentions. Mr. Ethun recognized JoAnn Geiger and her team for the programs she has built since starting in 2014. She has a dedicated staff that works very hard trying to improve the livelihood of residents in Juneau County.

Public Health Presentation on SAFE Program

Kelsy Skala and Amanda Dederich from Public Health, JoAnn Geiger DHS and Andy Zobel under Sheriff attended the National SAFE substance abuse free environment conference in Washington D.C. Together they were able to collaborate with 3,000 community members nationally involved in the SAFE program. Juneau County has applied for the SAFE grant for three consecutive years and for 2019 was approved. Public Health has begun networking and partnering with schools, DHS and law enforcement to educate youth on alcohol, tobacco and prescription drug abuse.

Recognize Billing Staff for Their Billing Efforts in the Electronic Health Record System

Mr. Ethun along with Lori Chipman, Finance Director recognized Jeanne Jasper, Billing Specialist and Peggy Smith, Client Account Clerk for their outstanding dedication through the transition to electronic health records. The Billing process fell behind several months due to system setup, system errors and the overall learning process of the new program. Jeanne and Peggy worked diligently with the staff at Netsmart and the staff in DHS to complete service entries accurately and timely. Billing is now current and none of this would have been possible without Jeanne and Peggy's dedication.

Director's Last Meeting

Mr. Ethun thanked the DHS board members for the opportunity and professional experience he has had with Juneau County. He appreciates the support he has received through the stressful budget process and hopes the board will embrace the new Director. Carrie Buss and Carl Wildes recognized Mr. Ethun for his talents of teambuilding and trustworthiness, and thanked him for keeping the board members informed of what is happening in DHS and mentioned he will be missed.

Other Business

Dawn Buchholz has been hired as the new Director and begins on April 1st.

Items for the Next Meeting

Update on Foster Care Licensing Contract with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

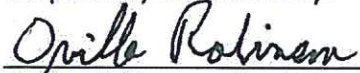
Next Meeting Date

April 17th @ 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Kelley and seconded by Tim Cottingham to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Orville Robinson, Secretary



Penny Janecek, Recorder