

Juneau County
Human Services Board Minutes
November 21, 2018

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, Joe Lally, Peg Saylor, Orville Robinson, Carrie Buss, Scott Ethun

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Joe Lally to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Child Support Unit Presentation

The Child Support unit includes Nancy Knickelbein, Manager; Ami Board, Cindy Ravenscroft and Amber Newlun Child Support Specialists, Anne Schotten Financial Clerk. Each worker carries over a 600 consumer caseload. In the past year, this unit has been transitioning into electronic records. The electronic records allow the court system and Child Support agencies to share documents. The department began accepting credit card payments this past year and has been able to collect more than \$24,000 additionally in child support payments than previous years. The ability to pay by credit card has been found to be a more convenient way for consumers to pay. This unit continues to present "What's the Rush" to Mauston, Necedah, New Lisbon and Elroy schools. This presentation has been well received by school administration as well as the students.

DHS Staff Updates

Children, Youth, and Families hired Micaela Vinz as an Ongoing worker and began working October 31st and Sara Bodendein has been promoted to Ongoing Worker. The Foster Care Coordinator and Family Support Worker are still vacant and interviews are being scheduled.

Adult Services hired social worker Christine Brueggeman, she starting November 26th.

Support Services hired Paula Forsythe as Receptionist starting November 21st.

Presentation: Child Welfare Crisis

Due to the child welfare crisis, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) have identified increased funding in the Children and Family Aids allocation as their top human services budget priority for the 2019-21 state biennial budget. The request is \$30 million annually, and in order to be successful, all counties need to participate in the advocacy efforts. Mr. Ethun provided a copy of a PowerPoint presentation provided by the Wisconsin Counties Association outlining the request for Counties to meet with legislators on this crisis.

The DHS Board committee requested to schedule a representative from WCSHA to present the Child Welfare Crisis PowerPoint to the full county Board in January.

Authorize Signing Resolution Requesting Increased Funding For Counties for Child Welfare

Mr. Ethun will invite a representative from WCHSA to present in January to full County Board requesting Counties to adopt the resolution seeking an annual increase in the Children and Family Aids allocation of \$30 million and invite legislators to discuss the current child welfare crisis.

Requested By Ministerial Association for Transient Fund

Pastor Anita Genrich from Mauston United Methodist Church contacted Mr. Ethun requesting an increase to the ministerial association fund for 2019. The County currently contributes \$1,500 to this fund. The committee agreed not to raise this for 2019 and will revisit during the 2020 budget process.

Other Business

Juneau County continues to participate in community efforts forming a Long Term Flood Recovery Committee.

~~Gervase Thompson - Emergency Services, Mary Crowley - Public Health, Liz Housworth - Land Information~~

Office and Scott Ethun - Human Services are representatives for Juneau County.

The department recently had a bed bug epidemic and took precautionary measures by hiring WilKil pest control service dog to inspect the Services Building. Thankfully the building was found to be free of bed bugs.

Items for the Next Meeting

Child Protection Services Presentation

Next Meeting Date

December 19th @ 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room

Adjourn

A motion was made by Carrie Buss and seconded by Peg Saylor to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Orville Robinson, Secretary



Penny Janecek, Recorder

**JUNEAU COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
VOUCHER COMMITTEE**

November 21, 2018

The Voucher Committee meeting was called to order by chairperson, Mike Kelley at 8:00 a.m. prior to the Human Services Board meeting in the County Board Room.

Present: Mike Kelley, Tim Cottingham and Scott Ethun

A motion was made to go into closed session by Tim Cottingham and seconded by Mike Kelley. Motion carried.

A motion to return to open session was made by Mike Kelley and seconded by Tim Cottingham. Motion carried.


Motion to approve vouchers was made by Mike Kelley and Tim Cottingham seconded by. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Voucher Committee is adjourned to Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, the Human Services Board meeting to follow.

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



Mike Kelley, Chairperson



Scott Ethun, Recorder