



**Juneau County**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Board Minutes**  
June 7, 2022  
8:30 am

Members Present: Judy Kennedy, Richard Kilmer, James Ryczek, John McGinley  
Julie Quist, Carl Wildes, Dawn Buchholz, Mary Jo Onsager

Members Absent: Peggy Saylor

**Call to Order**

The Juneau County Human Services Board meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chairperson James Ryczek in the Juneau County Services Building Room 209. It was noted the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by John McGinley and seconded by Carl Wildes to approve May 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Child Protection Services (CPS) and Youth Justice (YJ) Presentation**

Kelly Firlus, CPS Manager, presents for the Child Protective Services unit. The unit consist of one Access worker, two Initial Assessment workers, three Ongoing Case Managers, two Family Support workers, and one Foster Care Coordinator. From Jan 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022, a total of 227 reports of possible abuse or neglect were entered, 62 in the month of May alone. From January 1, 2021 to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, 28 children have found permanency through reunification, guardianship, or adoption. These successes could not have happened without the work of Assistant Corporation Counsel Peg Waterman. She has been diligent in moving cases along and making sure children receive the permanence they deserve.

Kelly then speaks on behalf of the Youth Justice Program Services Coordinator. The Youth Justice program, for youth age 10 and over, is governed and driven by Chapter 938 of Wisconsin State Statues, also known as the Juvenile Justice Code. The goal of the juvenile system is to impose accountability for violations of law and help a juvenile develop competencies to live responsibly and productively, as well as avoid future incidents, protect public safety, and to help restore any damage the youth may have done. The team strives to move away from the punitive model to a more trauma sensitive model, and has been moving towards utilizing YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument). YASI will be implemented across the state by 2023. Currently there are 14 children with open cases and 12 more are in the intake stage.

**Possible motion and approval to fill Human Services position(s)**

None

**Discussion and possible motion/approval to fill Juneau County's Mississippi Valley Health Services Board position**

Committee member position required to be filled per bylaws. Motion to appoint John McGinley made by Richard Kilmer and seconded by Julie Quist. Motion carried.

**Sharing of Committee Members' Contact Information**

Members agree not to share private information to others outside of committee.

**Discuss Public Hearing/2023 Budget Plans**

State to be notified of plan by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion to review draft before turning into Finance Committee and discussion on process for upcoming meetings. Ideas shared to get more public involvement/attendance. The regular Human Services Board meeting will be held September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the County Courthouse and the public hearing will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Public Hatch Library.

**Discussion and possible motion/approval of Juneau County Animal Policy**

Dawn to take draft to Personnel Committee.

**Discussion and possible motion/approval of use of HRSA Funding**

Money received because of COVID; Medicaid gave money back towards Behavioral Health Services to be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Priority is for Child Psychiatry services to be brought in-house. Motion to move forward with Child Psychiatrist regardless of HRSA Funding made by Richard Kilmer and seconded by John McGinley. Motion carried.

**Other Business**

I-Team Meeting at 2:00 today in Room 209 of Services Building

**Items for Future Meetings**

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and Coordinated Services Team (CST) Presentation

Mauston Area Ministerial Association (MAMA) Presentation


**Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 8:30am in Juneau County Board Room or via Zoom

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Richard Kilmer and seconded by Julie Quist to adjourn the Juneau County Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

  
John McGinley, Vice Chair/Secretary

  
Alison Brown, Recorder