



Juneau County
Human Services Board Minutes
May 4, 2021

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

Present: Tim Cottingham, Mike Kelley, Carl Wildes, James Ryczek, Dawn Buchholz

Absent: Carrie Buss, Joe Lally

Zoom: Peg Saylor

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mike Kelley and seconded by James Ryczek to approve April 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Economic Support Presentation

Diana Wood, Manager, introduces the six member unit. Juneau County is one of eight counties in Capital Consortium. They are joined by Dane, Dodge, Sheboygan, Columbia, Adams, Richland, and Sauk. Consumers are looking for information regarding Healthcare (family, elderly/blind/disabled and long-term care/nursing home), FoodShare, and Child Care. Caseloads for Family Workers each average 700 cases and EBD workers each average 900 cases. Essential responsibilities range from case processing functions, conducting interviews for eligibility determination and/or redetermination, to assisting clients with forms and necessary documents. Link to the WCHSA website: <https://wchsa.org/wchsa-committees/economic-support/economic-support-staff-recruitment>

Discussion and update regarding Child Abuse and Neglect

Juneau County's 2018 rate of child removal was .65% and .62% for 2019. Comparatively, Adams County's rates were .75% in 2018 & 1.2% in 2019; Columbia County's were .2% in 2018 & .25% in 2019; Sauk County's were .2% in 2018 and .15% in 2019. In 2019, Juneau and Adams Counties removed more children than the much larger counties of Columbia and Sauk. Research has shown a high correlation between Child Protection Services and poverty. Juneau and Adams Counties have consistently been two of the poorest counties in the State. Further discussion next meeting regarding specific reasons our current out of home children were removed from their homes and other demographics.

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

None

Update regarding Human Services Day at the Capital

Dawn attended. Counties are requesting regional crisis services be developed and more funding for the Birth to Three program, Child Support, and Child Welfare.

Discussion and possible motion and approval of COOP/COG

In case of an emergency and DHS could not conduct business in the Services Building, we need to have three locations as backups. The Highway Department is our first choice, second is City of New Lisbon Building, and third location is MVP in Necedah.

A motion to approve the COOP/COG Plan was made by Mike Kelley and seconded by Carl Wildes. Motion carried.

Director and Human Services Board member updates

Waiting for grant funded vehicle and requesting another through Ho-Chunk funds.

Local CCS/CST Committee on June 2nd in the County Board Room. Regional CCS Committee on June 9th in the Services Building, Room 209.

Other Business

None

Items for the Next Meeting

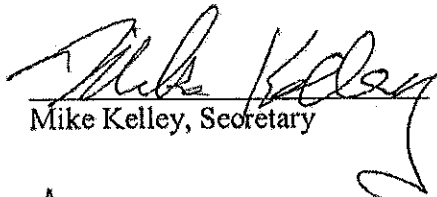
Community Support Program Presentation

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, June 1, 2021 in the County Board Room at 8:30am

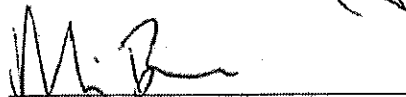
Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mike Kelley, Secretary



Alison Brown, Recorder