

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA Zoom: Carol Beals, Joan Davis, Judy Friar, Nancy Howard, Amy Kite, Justin O'Brien, Gary Ranum (Chair.), Patrick Schroeder and Mike Tiber.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA Zoom in office: Charles Stenner and Mary Ellen Tredinnick.

OTHERS PRESENT VIA Zoom: Jeff Lockhart, Jan Sudmeier, Cheryl Knapp, Patti Heer and Nancy Schmitz.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 6:00 p.m.; quorum present.
2. OPEN MEETINGS LAW CERTIFICATION: A notice was published in the Herald Independent, stating the date, time and place of the Unified Community Services Board meeting. Notice was also posted in four public locations, on Grant and Iowa Counties websites and sent to local radio stations. Notice given that meeting will be conducted via electronic videoconferencing. Verified by Nancy Schmitz.
3. AGENDA: Justin O'Brien moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Patrick Schroeder and passed unanimously.
4. MINUTES: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.
5. INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
6. BILLS: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved approval for payment of the bills for January/February, 2021 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Charles Stenner and passed unanimously.
7. REPORTS:
 - a) Financial report - None
 - b) Personnel report for January, 2021 given by Cheryl Knapp.
 - c) Chairman's report – None.
 - d) Team Leader report given by Patti Heer for the Long-Term Support Programs: Birth to 3, Children's Waiver, Children's Community Options, Protective Placements, and Adult Protective Services. The State has pushed the counties to decrease the waitlists. We are constantly enrolling individuals into Birth to Three and Children's Waivers. We have three service coordinators who work in all the programs. One of the most requested services for Children is respite for the families and it is difficult to find providers for this.
 - e) Jeff Lockhart presented the Agency Director's report as follows:
 - i. UCS is planning staff returning to the office on March 15, 2021.
 - ii. Distributed article on the Governor's Budget Proposal. Budget includes \$150 million investment in Critical Mental Health Services for Wisconsinites.
 - iii. A statewide, broad-based coalition was put together to work on the crisis system. This includes an emphasis on regional crisis centers, and alternatives to Emergency Detentions.
 - iv. All law enforcement agencies have been contacted to offer Narcan. Nine offices have standing order in Grant County and 5 in Iowa County.

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Members will discuss and review with County Boards the current rules for quorums. Face to face and via zoom.

Carol Beals moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Motion seconded by Justin O'Brien and passed unanimously.

8. NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Mike Tiber moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Carol Beals and passed unanimously.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder