

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
May 8th, 2025

The Health and Human Services Committee met on Thursday, May 8th, 2025 at the Grant County Administration Building 111 S Jefferson St, Lancaster, WI 53813 in the Grant County Board room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Gary Ranum.

Members present: Gary Ranum, Diane Nelson, Rick Sanson, Carol Beals, Rich Dhyanchand, Holly Muench.

Members Absent: Adam Day, Neil Martin

Others Present: Department of Social Services - CeCe Fishnick, Director; LeaAnne Smith, Office & Financial Coordinator, Nate Dreckman, County Administrator, Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman.

Health Department - Kessa Klaas, Health Officer; Kim Moore, Interim Assistant Director, Lorna Wolf

Information Technology Department – Shane Drinkwater, Director.

The meeting was found to be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Diane Nelson, motion carried.

Health and Human Services Minutes April 10th, 2025: Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the Health and Human Services minutes; Holly Muench seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Public Comments- None

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORTS:

VOUCHERS: The Board reviewed the vouchers. Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the vouchers, seconded by Rick Sanson, motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board reviewed the monthly financial report. Rick Sanson made a motion to accept the monthly financial report, seconded by Holly Muench, motion carried.

SEMINARS AND TRAINING COSTS: Informational only.

Presentation of MyUnity

Kessa stated The Health Department's Electronic Medical Record Netsmart is outdated and the Health Department is one of the last agencies using it. The handout passed out is the upgraded version of it. Kessa stated they have some ARPA money they were given back and is on a timeline to use it. Shane Drinkwater stated they can't move forward until he finds out it works with the system. Shane reached out to Netsmart to ask some information on a cloud platform and has not heard back from them, so is not sure if it will operate with the county system. Shane is hesitant to say we can move forward and make it work later not knowing the system architecture. It was suggested if the ARPA funds could be allocated as done in the past; it was stated the Health Department ARPA funds are different. Nate Dreckman stated regardless the Health Department will need upgraded software and suggested allocating the ARPA funds. Kessa presented the updated Electronic Medical Record to the board.

Request to upgrade Electronic Medical Record

Kessa asked if the board needed an exact amount in case they would need to ask for more. Carol Beals asked what was needed to move forward with a motion to spend ARPA dollars to upgrade the Electronic Medical Software for the Health Department up to a 4 year contract and allocate \$46,000/year and using the ARPA dollars, which leaves IT to approve it, but moves it forward once IT says it is approved to use. Since this is out of budget it will need to go to the Executive board for approval of using ARPA funds to update the Electronic Medical Records funds. Carol made a motion to use the ARPA funds to update the electronic medical records software for the Health Department using up to \$187,000, seconded by Rick Sanson motion carried.

Health Department Health Officer Report

Kessa stated they are planning the Measles Table Top. A nurse is putting together a presentation for this. The Rural Safety Day is coming up on June 10th. Since it is Nurses week there was a post on Facebook recognizing them. Kessa stated there is an active case of TB and what action was taken. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the Director's report, seconded by Diane Nelson, motion carried.

Health Department Assistant Director's Report – Kim stated their LPN is graduating and will take her boards then fill one of the Registered Nurse positions. Kim stated another LPN applied and will be interviewed who is also going through the Registered Nurse program at Southwest Tech. Hospice census is at 13; Homecare is steady at 50 and would like to see increase. Rick Sanson made a motion to approve the Assistant Director's report, seconded by Holly Muench motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FINANCIAL REPORTS:

VOUCHERS: The Board reviewed the Voucher Accounts. Carol Beals made a motion to approve the vouchers, seconded by Rick Sanson, motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial report. Diane Nelson made a motion to approve the monthly financial report, seconded by Holly Muench, motion carried.

SEMINARS AND TRAINING COSTS: The Board reviewed the seminar and training costs. Board accepted the Seminars and Training report as informational.

Discussion on the possibility of a new Highway Department being built on the County farm.

CeCe stated she talked to workers and there was not a lot of concern with this. The biggest concern is during the construction phase and routing people who are coming in and out and signage.

Directors Report: The Support Unit is finishing up with the Home Energy program, which ends May 15th. The Department celebrated Administrative week for the Support Unit. LeaAnne Smith and Amy Esser will be attending a Financial Manager Conference May 21st – 23rd. Today the Consortium celebrated Economic Support day. The Economic Support Unit is going through a software conversion. The new Economic Support worker, Crystal Krachey, started May 1st. The new social worker started April 1st and resigned on April 14th due to it not being a good fit. CeCe stated this position will be advertised on a couple radio stations and Dubuque Telegraph Herald. The only concern with Dubuque area is the Health Insurance as it doesn't cover Dubuque right now. CeCe stated we need an APS software system to enter client's information and case notes that we are working with; right now there

is only a folder. CeCe attended the Drug Court graduation. CeCe went to court on an Adult Protective Service case that a protective placement is trying to be done on; this did not go as well as was hoping. There was a \$500 donation for the Big Buddy program. Sarah Digman attended UW Community Needs discussion at the Extension office and found it informational. The goal is to have different workers to attend different activities we are invited too to give input and bring back information to share. The Grant County Sheriff's office is putting on a Youth Justice Tailored Dispositional training that a few workers will be attending. Diane Nelson made a motion to accept the Director's report, seconded by Rick Sanson, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- At 6:30 P.M. Carol Beals made a motion to adjourn until June 12th, 2025 at 5:00 PM, which was seconded by Diane Nelson. The motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.