

Richland County

HHS & Veterans Standing Committee

April 11, 2024

The Richland County Health and Human Services & Veterans Committee convened on Thursday, April 11, 2024 in the County Board room at 181 W. Seminary Street, in person, via videoconference, and teleconference.

Committee members present included, Ingrid Glasbrenner, Kerry Severson, Donald Seep, Ken Rynes, Francis Braithwaite, Cindy Chicker, Lee Van Landuyt, Dr. Jerel Berres. Tim Gottschall and Sherry Hillesheim attended by WebEx.

Committee Members Absent:

Department heads, staff, and public present were Tricia Clements, Stephanie Ronnfeldt, Meghan Rohn, Jaymie Bruckner, Brandi Christianson, and Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber. Brittney Wirtz and Barb Scott attended by WebEx. John Couey was present from MIS.

Agenda:

1. **Call to order:** Committee Chair Ingrid Glasbrenner called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donald Seep.
3. **Proof of notification:** Committee Chair Ingrid Glasbrenner verified that the meeting had been properly posted.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Cindy Chicker to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion Carried.
5. **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Lee VanLanduyt, seconded by Francis Braithwaite to approve the March 8, 2024 Health & Human Services & Veterans Standing Committee minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen Comments:** Molly Bohn, field representative for Congressman Derrick Van Orden provided updates from their office pertaining who they serve, and new legislation that is being introduced by the Veteran Affairs Committee. A field hearing will be held Friday April 19, 2024 at Western Technical College in La Crosse.

Veterans Service Office

Consent Items:

7. **2024 VSO Budget Summary:** Karen Knock reported that the Veterans Services Office Budget Summary Report has been posted in the Health & Human Services and Veterans Standing Committee folder for members to review. Reports for call in's and forms were also made available to the committee.

Administrative Report:

8. **Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock:** Veterans Services Officer, Karen Knock, provided highlights and program updates for the Veterans Services Office.

Health & Human Services

Consent Items

9. **HHS Expenditures Report (Vouchers and Expenditures over \$2,000 but less than \$10,000):** The Health and Human Services Expenditure Report was made available for review.
10. **2024 HHS Budget Summary & Richland County Placement Report:** The Health and Human Services Budget Summary and Richland County Placement Report were made available to the committee. Stephanie

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Ronnfeldt was able to provide a board a summary report for 2024, however noted only the first two months of the year are included.

- 11. 2022 HHS Contract Monitoring Report:** The Health and Human Services Contract Monitoring Report was made available in the committee folder for review. Tricia Clements discussed some of the contracts that were over utilized and explained many of these for the CCS program and this program continues to grow. CCS contracts are all fully funded.

Action Items:

- 12. Approve Amended HHS contracts, Agreements, and Amendments:**

RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2024 AMENDED HHS CONTRACT/AGREEMENT/MOU APPROVALS (4-11-2024)		
MOE'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER, INC.	Due to an increased need to provide group home placement and services for children being served by the Child & Youth Services Unit. (Milwaukee)	<i>Original Contract Amount:</i> \$49,500 To a total amount not to exceed \$79,500

Motion by Kerry Severson, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt to approve the amended 2024 contract. Motion carried.

RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2024 NEW HHS CONTRACT/AGREEMENT/MOU APPROVALS (2-8-2024)		
WHISPERING PINES CUSTOM BUILDERS, LLC	Due to an increased need to provide home modification services for families enrolled in Children's Long Term Support in the Behavioral Health Unit. (Richland Center)	For a total amount not to exceed \$50,000

Motion by Cindy Chicker, seconded by Francis Braithwaite to approve the new 2024 contract. Motion carried.

- 13. Approve Purchase of New Vaccine Refrigerator:** Brandie Anderson explained that Public Health departments are required to carry VFC vaccines with recommendations to use a pharmaceutical grade fridge. The K2 Scientific brand fridge currently being used is not large enough to hold all vaccines and as a result, a commercial fridge is being used as an overflow. A new Helmer vaccine refrigerator is being requested to properly meet this need and ARPA funds are available to cover the cost. Motion by Lee Van Landuyt, seconded by Donald Seep to approve the purchase of a vaccine refrigerator for the Public Health Unit. Motion Carried.

Administrative Report:

- 14. Director, Tricia Clements:** Tricia Clements provided highlights and program updates for each unit of the agency including staffing updates, trainings, events, and new and ongoing initiatives. A written handout was provided in the folder for committee members to review. Tricia Clements highlighted several items from the report.
- 15. HHS Board Structure Discussion:** Ingrid Glasbrenner reviewed the recently approved changes to the board and committee structure. The HHS & Veterans Services Committee will now be the Health & Community Services Committee and will include Health and Human Services, Pine Valley Community Village, and the Child Support department. Discussion was held regarding processes and timeline for the changes to be effective.

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Closing:

16. Future Agenda Items:

17. Adjournment: The next meeting is scheduled for TBD, at 9:30 a.m. in the Richland County Boardroom and via WebEx. Motion by Ken Rynes, seconded by Lee Van Landuyt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meghan Rohn
Confidential Administrative Secretary