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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: March 10, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy McCoy, Carol Pearson, James Schlender, Dale Schleeter, Tom Duffy Sr., Tweed Shuman, Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Jennifer Vobornik, Lorraine Gouge (arrived at 6:31 P.M.)

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Tom Hoff, Shawna White, Joe Bodo, Alicia Carlson, Julia Lyons, Brian Becker, Matt McKay, Cindy Hanus

Citizens present:

Joey Johnson, Carol Lund

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McCoy at 6:30 P.M.

Agenda

A motion was made by James Schlender, seconded by Tom Duffy, Sr. to remove item 6 (b) Resolution: Waiver of Trail Fees/Sawyer County Residents as this item does not fall under the jurisdiction of the HHS Board. Per Kathy McCoy, promoting healthy activities and lifestyles is an HHS issue. After further discussion a roll call vote of the motion was taken: Jennifer Vobornik, yes; Carol Pearson, yes; Tom Duffy Sr., yes; Tweed Shuman, yes; James Schlender, yes; Lorraine Gouge, yes; Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, no; Dale Schleeter, no; motion carried. A motion to approve agenda as modified was made by James Schlender, seconded by Tom Duffy, Sr.; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tom Duffy, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Audience Recognition

There was nothing to report under this item.

Reports

a. LCO Liaison

Lorraine Gouge reported LCO has not yet opened their women's shelter and men's transitional housing. There has been discussion about renovating older homes on the reservation to be used as transitional housing for members completing AODA treatment or those released from jail. The Tribe continues to look for more intensive substance abuse treatment options.

b. Senior Resource Center (SRC)

Joey Johnson provided an overview of the March SRC report which contained final data for 2019 meals and transportation, correcting the total meals provided in 2019 to 33,325. Meal counts for January and February 2020 were provided as well. SRC goals for 2020 include cross training of staff and monthly budget updates for each meal site to ensure fiscal responsibility.

Administration

a. Collection Procedures

A draft copy of outpatient services collection procedures for HHS was provided to the Board. After review, a motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the outpatient services collection procedures; motion carried. Due to recent changes to DHS 1, which dictates allowable collection measures, the residential collection policy is still under review. HHS staff have contacted the State for clarification of allowable practices when pursuing collections for residential services.

Public Health

a. Coronavirus Update

Per Public Health Officer Julia Lyons, as of today there are three confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Wisconsin. Hospital and clinic staff can now decide, on their own, who to test. With increased testing, numbers of confirmed cases are suspected to go up considerably and lab results may take longer than the current norm of 24-48 hours. General protocols for preventing the spread of Coronavirus are similar to Influenza and widely published. Per Dr. Dunlap, otherwise healthy individuals with Coronavirus typically experience symptoms milder than those of the flu. Sawyer County Public Health Facebook and Twitter accounts provide up-to-date information on Coronavirus.

b. Agent of the State Fee Increases

The Agent of the State program was over budget for 2019. When originally proposed, the program was projected to be budget neutral. Numerous factors, including 300+ more rooming houses in the county than anticipated, and more clerical help needed for set-up and maintenance of the program contributed to the overage. Water testing is now included with the inspection and fee to increase efficiency. Increasing the inspection fees from the State rates used in 2019 to those more reflective of the program costs, and implementing identified efficiencies within the Agent Program will help maintain a budget neutral position for the Agent Program. A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by James Schlender to increase the Agent Program fees by 15% as presented with a correction of the resolution signature page removing Rose Gokee, LCO Tribal Member to be replaced with Lorraine Gouge, LCO Tribal Member; motion carried.

Economic Support

a. Economic Support Program Update

Economic Support Supervisor, Shawna White, presented to the Board a report of the 2019 Northern Income Maintenance Consortium activities and statistics related to Wisconsin Medical Assistance, Child Care and Food Share programs, as well as information pertaining specifically to Sawyer County.

Fiscal

a. Budget Performance Report

A copy of the budget performance report for January 2020 was provided to the Board.

b. Purchased Services Recap

A copy of the purchased services recap for January was provided to the Board.

Any Items for Discussion Only

There was nothing to report under this item.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.