PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held virtually on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Present: Chair Brusky, Vice Chair Borchardt, Supervisor Evans, Supervisor Sieber, Supervisor Jacobson
Also Present: Health and Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Syble Hopp School Administrator Kim Pahlow, ADRC Asst Director Christel Giesen, Nursing Home Administrator Samantha Behling, HS Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Public Health Officer Anna Destree, and other interested parties.

I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brusky at 5:30 pm.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of March 24, 2021.**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public. None.

1. Review Minutes of:
a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center (February 25, 2021).**
b. **Human Services Board (March 11, 2021).**
c. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (April 20, 2021).**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to suspend the rules to take Items 1a, b and c together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to receive and place on file Items 1a, b and c. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

2. **Communication from Supervisors Sieber, Deneys, Schultz, Coenen and Dorff re: Request Brown County Health communicate with Brown County school districts regarding youth mental health which includes identifying issues, needs and potential assistance. *Referred from April County Board.***

Supervisor Sieber informed the idea behind the number of Supervisors was to try and represent all school districts, public and private, within Brown County. Some of the Supervisors already reached out to see if this was something they even wanted, such as any assistance or help in the mental health field or realm. All have expressed some sort of interest depending on what they have in their schools now. Schools are responsible for educating our children and Brown County has a mental health division. This was to ensure our children going through our districts are receiving adequate mental health and if the school districts had needs in this area, see if Brown County can be a supporting partner somehow to ensure they try and do what they can to reduce teen suicide, address gun violence amongst teens and young adults and send them on the right path to lead healthy productive lives and address any issues they may have.

Pritzl informed this can be forwarded to him and he can work with people in the department, on the public health side as well as their behavioral health side. They had a number of staff involved in coalitions or task forces working on this issue including school based mental health services, so they worked with a number of districts already and have some school based mental health in different schools throughout the county. It's a time where they can ask what else they could do with that coalition as well with some of the non-profits and healthcare systems, to provide support as well. They'll have to watch and see what might be coming in other federal or state support. He knew there were some initiatives trying to be supported in the Governor's budget to increase services in schools.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to refer to staff and report back at the June Health & Human Services meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolutions & Ordinances

3. 2020 Balanced Budget Adjustment.

Director of Administration Chad Weininger informed they ended up increasing the General Fund unrestricted unassigned by $3.6 million dollars, so overall the county did very well. Health & Human Services departments did extremely well and are not listed as a deficiency. ADRC finished to the good over a half a million dollars due to some additional grant revenues and contributions. Syble Hopp was about $620,000 to the good. CTC did outstanding too but it had to do with some COVID funds that came in for lost revenue that helped offset. Veteran Services finished to the good at about $38,000. Community Services did extremely well too due to an anticipated increase. There were pension adjustments to make every year.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Veterans

4. Director's Report.

a. **COVID-19 Update.**

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Syble Hopp

5. Director's Report.

a. **COVID-19 Update.**

Syble Hopp School Administrator Kim Pahlow informed things were going very well. They have not had a positive case of COVID since late January. They have only had to close two classrooms for about a week and haven't had to do anything sense. They have had no transmissions. They had all but 30 families back in person. Those 30 families that are still choosing a remote option, so they remain open four days a week for in person and Fridays they continue to provide remote learning to all students.

They're looking forward to the rest of the year, a lot planned. They can't go up to Lions Camp so they will have camp at school. They are doing an in-person graduation in the gym, not their typical as they can only bring their parents, but they will live stream during the event. They'll have 20 graduates this year.

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Aging & Disability Resource Center

6. Director's Report.

a. **COVID-19 Update.**

ADRC Asst Director Christel Giesen informed ADRC continues at Phase 2, serving customers by appointment in the setting of their choice. They were making home visits, in the office, virtually or on the phone. Home delivered meals continue at higher than at pre COVID rate, they continue at between 500-

550 meals per day. Before was 350-400 on average. Responding to Brusky, they were down in the number of volunteers because some do not feel safe going out or are following the advice of their providers. They get new ones each week, they can always use more but anticipate the meal numbers will reduce as people are able to go out and about.

They had been able to partner with Brown County Public Health and the Healthcare systems to assure access to the COVID vaccine for individuals not able to leave their home. Their role in that process was identifying people, raising awareness about the availability, and providing support and helping to connect to the services needed, whether transportation or get in home vaccination.

Last week, Homebound Meal volunteers were recognized as the runner-up for the Green Bay Packers Give Back large group category award. They had 210 volunteers right now that provided 13,500 hours of volunteer time in 2020 and delivered 120,000 meals and gifted their mileage reimbursement at the tune of $12,000.

Last week their board met and voted to open Grounded Café on Saturday mornings during the farmers markets. They will be using all safety protocols and assuring everyone is safe in that setting. Overall, they were surviving with the support of Green Bay. They have been closed for over a year and have been taking online orders and pick up deliveries. The Farmers Market was really important for them to be open. That was their biggest day each week.

ADRC was still in the process of gathering input from the community related to aging, living with a disability and family caregiving to learn how they are doing, what they could better, and what future programs and services should look like. Responses will help them plan and improve existing programs or develop new ones for residents of Brown County. Survey can be found on their website's home page.

The Governor has proclaimed May as Older American Month and ADRC Month.

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health & Human Services Department

7. Executive Director's Report.

a. **COVID-19 Update.**

In addition to his written report, Health & Human Services Director Erik Pritzl updated the committee on the Emergency Rental Assistance Program numbers, which they're working with NEWCAP on. His report referenced $739,000 in rental assistance in the first week of April, the report he just saw was $1.4 million dollars.

Human Services Day at the Capitol took place via Zoom on April 13, 2021, Pritzl and Chairman Brusky participated in that. They heard first opening comments from the different state secretaries, and they had a chance to talk with a couple legislators about budget priorities. Topics included: child support funding, mental health funding, income maintenance funding, Children and Family Aids/Family First Prevention Services Act, youth justice, Birth to 3 funding. There were a lot of mental health services in the proposed budget and a lot of them hinge on Medicaid expansion. Its difficult to talk about them separately. With the Medicaid expansion, the dollars coming in are being reinvested in the mental health system. The papers should be on the County Association website.

Nursing Home Administrator Samantha Behling highlighted where they were at in terms of visitation and the nursing home side. They were starting to return to some semblance of normalcy, they were seeing a lot of positive change but had a way to go. As of March, they had returned to in person visitation in their most vulnerable areas, it didn't need to be an essential visit or healthcare service like in the past. They continue heavy infection control protocols. They were still held to a regulatory standard to COVID-19 tests, certain groups within their workforce. They were able to offer rapid COVID-19 tests to some of their vendors and service providers. For their resident and client population, they were doing daily testing of their vital signs. For all staff and visitors and consumers, they ask questions and obtain temperatures. They had technology to help them with it. As always, change was very regular. Last night

CDC came out with some new recommendations, they're trying to navigate those constantly and watch closely and the recommendations are adopted by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. They were really heading in that positive direction.

Pritzl informed they have been open for business so-to-speak the whole time, they have been seeing more activity in their downtown office and had a lot more family interactions.

Motion made by Supervisor Jacobson, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Services.

HS Finance Manager Eric Johnson was present to speak to the financials.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Statistical Reports.

a. **Monthly CTC Data.**
   i. **Bay Haven Crisis Diversion.**
   ii. **Nicolet Psychiatric Center.**
   iii. **Bayshore Village (Nursing Home).**
   iv. **CTC Double Shifts.**
b. **Child Protective Services – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
c. **Monthly Contract Update.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to suspend the rules to take Items 9a-c together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file Items 9a-c together.

10. Request for New Non-Contracted and Contracted Providers.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

11. Audit of bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to acknowledge receipt of the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.

13. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Jacobson, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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