

**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, January 27, 2021.

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**Present:** Supervisor Borchardt, Supervisor Evans, Supervisor Sieber, Supervisor Jacobson  
**Excused:** Supervisor Brusky  
**Also Present:** Health and Human Services Director Erik Pritzl, ADRC Director Devon Christianson, County Veteran Service Officer Joe Aulik, Public Health Officer Anna Destree, HS Finance Manager Eric Johnson, Director of Community Programs Jenny Hoffman, Nursing Home Administrator Samantha Behling; Supervisors Tom Friberg, Amanda Chu and Devon Coenen

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I. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Borchardt at 5:30 pm.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

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

III. **Approve/Modify Minutes of November 18 and Special December 15, 2020.**

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

**Comments from the Public.** None.

1. **Review Minutes of:**

- a. **Children with Disabilities Education Board of December 15, 2020.**
- b. **Criminal Justice Coordinating Board of December 8, 2020.**
- c. **Human Services Board of November 12 and December 10, 2020.**

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

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

**\*\*Presentation by Judge Zuidmulder re: Treatment Courts\*\*** *No presentation held.*

**Communications**

2. **Communication from Vice-Chair Borchardt re: Discussion regarding Mental Health Subcommittee and its Membership.**

Borchardt informed this committee had been in charge of the subcommittee in the past and she had the rules and regulations updated. Responding to Evans, the committee was made up of public members, former County Board Supervisors, Guy Zima and Erik Hoyer, the CEO/President from The Gathering Place, a member from The Connections for Mental Wellness Team, and Supervisor Devon Coenen and Public Safety Chairman/Supervisor Keith Deneys. Public is able to attend and they usually have a representative from the Green Bay Police Department.

Sieber questioned if Corporation Counsel had it in resolution form? Borchardt believed it was taken care of back in December. Sieber wanted to make sure this got on the February County Board.

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to reestablish the Mental Health Subcommittee and the membership. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Veterans**

**3. Director's Report.**

Veteran Service Officer Joe Aulik spoke to his written report in the agenda packet material.

**a. COVID-19 Update.**

Aulik stated as far as the office, they have gone virtual. Once the building open up a little more, they will push the virtual call in type center activity because they have been able to do so much more that way and service people from their homes. The feedback has been awesome, they're amazed that they're able to do that. They'll take in emergency walk-ins but have everyone call the office before they come down. It alleviates a trip 99% of the time. Things were going well.

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

**Aging & Disability Resource Center**

**4. Director's Report.**

**a. COVID-19 Update.**

ADRC Director Devon Christianson informed this week was pretty monumental for older adults, people over 65 being eligible for the COVID vaccine. A lot of their work in working with Public Health, who has been a great support with information, was fielding calls, working with customers, talking about being able to do online registration to make sure everyone over 65 understands they are eligible and to remove barriers for people to be able to get to their vaccines. She briefly provided ways on how they were doing this.

Christianson will be working with her board tomorrow to start the process to get the vaccine for their staff. As the numbers drop and projections for public benefits, moratoriums begin to lift, they really need to be available for support.

They were moving into their 3-year planning process. A comprehensive evaluation of the state of older adults and people with disabilities and they will be doing focus groups, surveys, one on one interviews, etc. and focusing their efforts around the unmet needs of older adults, particularly in the areas of equity. Some were mandated requirements. Equity, advocacy, caregiving, and nutrition.

They're doing a partnership campaign with Public Health around the flu. There's a lot of misunderstanding about the flu vaccine and whether people need to get it. They're doing media, press event, a lot on their website, sending out newsletters, etc. to encourage people to get their flu vaccine.

They're close to submitting their grant for the Spanish Health Navigator through the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation this month.

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, 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 Administrator Kim Pahlow was unable to attend, she provided a written update:

On 1/19/21 the BCCDEB voted 4-3 in favor of having Syble Hopp move to Phase 5 of our Pandemic Instructional Model, starting February 8th. This means that students will be moving from attending

school in person two days a week to four days a week, doubling our class sizes and the number of students we have in the building during the day. Parents that chose to have their child receive remote instruction will have the option to continue doing so during this phase and we will have approximately 40 out of 175 students that will continue to do so.

At this time, we are happy to report that we have had zero transmission at school despite processing over 128 staff and 53 student COVID related scenarios since the start of the school year. During this time, we have had 12 staff and 8 students test positive but have been able to keep our classrooms open throughout the entire time we have been in-person. This is good news but we do anticipate that we will need to close classrooms whenever we have a positive staff or student case in a classroom while we are in phase 5 as we will no longer have the staff/subs to cover for other staff (even if the positive case is because of a transmission outside of school).

The staff, students and families have been doing an amazing job of working together to move forward through all of our other phases and we are confident that this teamwork will continue as we start a new journey.

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

#### **Health & Human Services Department**

**6. Budget Adjustment Request (20-099): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.**

There has been a significant increase in Children's Long Term Support program activity during 2020 based on the statewide initiative to eliminate waiting lists for eligible children. Because of this, both purchased services expense (to vendors paid by WPS the county's Third Party Administrator) and equal offsetting revenues from the state are much higher than originally anticipated in the budget. This request reflects the overall 2020 projected increase.

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

**7. Executive Director's Report.**

- a. **December 10, 2020.**
- b. **January 14, 2021.**

Health & Human Services Director Erik Pritzl touched on the General Updates for January, briefly speaking to the bullet points and the links for the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC).

**c. Discussion regarding COVID Vaccine/Distribution.**

Pritzl informed 70,000 COVID vaccines came into the state a week and those are allocated from the state to the vaccinators and can include healthcare systems as well as other entities. The population in the 1B category, was estimated about 600,000 individuals in the phase starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. The limiting factor in terms of vaccination was not sites and support for those sites but the vaccine itself.

Long Term Care - The Federal Government partners with pharmacies to vaccinate skilled nursing facilities as well as long-term care. Those had also been receiving vaccines in the early phase. Currently in Brown County there were 10-skilled nursing facilities that have had vaccinations take place.

Assisted Living Facilities – Community Based Residential Facilities, Residential Care Apartment Complexes, a number of other facilities, there have been 26 facilities that have been identified as completed through the state reporting and 29 more facilities are scheduled which started they're first dose this week.

The Community Treatment Center has been through the first vaccination clinic with their partner and their second is scheduled for next week. If people didn't take the vaccination until the second clinic, there is a third clinic option. They were working with healthcare systems and other partners on

assurance and making sure education is out there.

*\*Please note – Portions of the below discussions were inaudible due to technical glitches.*

Public Health Officer Anna Destree further spoke to how they handled the phasing of the 1A piece of the response and noted DHS also added groups to 1A. If people fell into certain categories, and were eligible under the current phases, they could go visit the website to find more information and sign up for an appointment. A lot of their plans were based on whether or not they had vaccines coming to Brown County from the State of Wisconsin from the Federal Government.

Sieber questioned if other areas were going to have vaccination sites? Destree stated they had heard people from different counties, as far as Milwaukee, coming to Brown County to get vaccines. The guidance received by the Governor to healthcare was to not to turn people away.

Pritzl believed Sieber was questioning if the Federal Government increased the allocation of the vaccine in Wisconsin, would they increase their administering? The work with the healthcare system was not just based on what they were getting allocated, healthcare systems that are vaccinating are not getting all that they're asking for. They know they can scale up to that first capacity of 20,000 a week. If they got an indication that there was more supply available, they would work with those partners to figure out how to scale up to a larger amount. They will keep going based on what that supply is. At some point they will have to look at other limits like staffing and the availability of staff to vaccinate, but they will always make an effort to try and keep working towards the supply available. Right now it's not as much of an issue on the staff or location, it's the vaccine itself and the supply there.

**Motion made by Supervisor Jacobson, seconded by Supervisor Evans to receive and place on file Item 7a, b & c. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 8. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Services.**  
a. **December 10, 2020.**

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

- b. **January 14, 2021.**

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

- 9. Statistical Reports.**
- a. **Monthly CTC Data.**
    - i. **Bay Haven Crisis Diversion.**
      - 1. **November 2020.**
      - 2. **December 2020.**
    - ii. **Nicolet Psychiatric Center.**
      - 1. **November 2020.**
      - 2. **December 2020.**
    - iii. **Bayshore Village (Nursing Home).**
      - 1. **November 2020.**
      - 2. **December 2020.**
    - iv. **CTC Double Shifts.**
      - 1. **November 2020.**
      - 2. **December 2020.**
  - b. **Child Protective Services – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
    - i. **November 2020.**
    - ii. **December 2020.**
  - c. **Monthly Contract Update.**
    - i. **November 2020.**
    - ii. **December 2020.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to suspend the rules to take all of Item 9 together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to receive and place on file Item 9. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

- a. **November 2020.**
- b. **December 2020.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to suspend the rules to take Item 10a & b together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to receive and place on file Items 10a & b. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Other**

**11. Audit of bills.**

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

**12. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

Borchardt informed she will be placing a Commendation on next month's agenda for OCC to be recognized in the community for the work they've done during the COVID crisis and pandemic and helping those that are in need of help.

**13. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Evans seconded by Supervisor Jacobson to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Coordinator