

IRON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD Meeting

March 25, 2024

3:00 p.m.

1. **Meeting called to order:** @ 3:00 p.m. by Wolff.
Members present: Kurt Wolff, Karen Lauer, Tom Innes, Larry Youngs, Vic Ouimette and Joe Pinardi, County Board Chair.
Absent: Josiah Hewitt, Carol Matson.
Student members absent: Serena Tauer.
Staff members present: Cally Bucknell, Diane Schmidtke, Krystal Ferrell, Kim Rickard.
2. Bucknell acknowledged the meeting was properly called and posted.
3. **Public Comment** - None
4. **Approval of minutes from previous meetings:** Motion by Innes, seconded by Lauer to approve minutes from the February 26, 2024, Human Services Board meeting. All in favor.
5. **Worker Introduction – Crisis Social Worker/CSP Community Support Specialist.** Bucknell indicated that we are continuing the rotation of worker introductions to Board members. She introduced Kim Rickard, Crisis Social Worker/Community Support Program (CSP) Specialist. Rickard provided a brief description of her job and answered a few questions from Board members who thanked her for her service.
6. **Discussion/Action 2024 Contracts** – No new contracts for this meeting.
7. **Discussion on Proposed 2024 Budget Changes** – Bucknell reported that as we explained last month, we would provide some information regarding what budget changes we've identified to date. Bucknell answered some questions and a discussion followed regarding some of the budget savings.
8. **Discussion on Impact of Budget Changes and County Changes** – Bucknell said, while we are making changes to the budget, it comes with a word of caution. When Human Services makes personnel and/or program cuts, we will see a rise in placements. Much of the ups and downs of Human Services are rooted in economics.
9. **Discussion on Process to Amend 2024 Budget** – Bucknell explained that there are other changes in the county that impact our budget. Bucknell asked about the process for 2024 budget. Are we doing this twice (phase I & phase II) or once at the end? Wolff said we should provide Clerk Brandt with our numbers after phase I and then again after phase II.
10. **Agency Updates and Information**
 1. **Director Update** – Bucknell reported that we've seen an increase in individuals where English is not their primary language and we've had to utilize interpreter services. We are required to offer this service and it is not cheap.
Follow-up regarding the domestic violence services from the last Board meeting. Bucknell finally received a response from DHS. The next funding source is in 5 years. No adjustment will happen for the next 5 years. They will consider letters of support regarding the funding....in 5 years. In the meantime, DOVE is tracking services provided to Iron County citizens with no funding to support those services. They do not have to do this but they are doing so because New Day Advocacy has been unable to accommodate Iron County residents when requested.
 2. **Children & Families Update** – Ferrell provided updates for the Children & Families unit as highlighted in handout # 10-2.
 3. **ADRC and Aging** – Olson provided Aging and ADRC handouts # 10-3b but was not able to attend today.

- a. **Aging Advisory Committee** – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 13th
- b. **ADRC & Aging Services Updates**
 - The only question asked was regarding meal site rent. Bucknell explained that we pay \$500/month rent for Mercer and \$100/month for Saxon and Iron Belt sites.
- c. **Breakdown of Meals Served** – Handout #10-3b summarizes the number of meals served and revenue for each meal site. No questions were asked.

- 11. **Budget Update 2023 and 2024** – Bucknell referred to handout number 11 and reported that the 2023 numbers are final.
- 12. **Adult and Children Placements 2023 & 2024** – Bucknell referenced handouts for #12 and advised that 2023 numbers are final.
- 13. **Future Agneda Items** – 2024 budget discussion, contracts, staff introductions.
- 14. **Next Board Meeting** – TBD
- 15. **Adjourn** – Wolff adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.