

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, September 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Government Center Room 270**  
**1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Alan Jaques

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present – Alan Jaques, Pat Ryan, Kelly Peterson, Jim Bolin, Amida Gallito, Marquise Slay, Randy Skowlund, June Farkas, Mark Liebaert. Others present – Matt Izzard, Ann Doucette Cary Breitlow, Erika Johnson, Kathy Ronchi, Kym Nelsen, Cindy Ellefson, Katie Bakke, Karen Ducharme, Joan Finckler, Mei Li Freeland, Mitchell Rolek, Jacklyn Lockwood, Kira Johnson, Sydney Wendt, Jessie Intihar, Ella Sclavi, Madi Stalvig, Melissa Jarzomski (remote), Marie Lockwood (remote), Lexi Klasen (Committee Clerk).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Peterson, second Skowlund to approve minutes from the May 11, 2023, meeting.  
Motion carried.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

Addressed after public hearing. Randy Skowlund (County Board Supervisor); Ella Sclavi, Madison Stalvig (Social Service Aide); Sydney Wendt, Kira Johnson, Mitchell Rolek, Mei Li, Jessie Intihar (HHS Case Manager); Jacklyn Lockwood (ADRC Information & Assistance Specialist); Ashley D’Agostino (Accounting Supervisor); Karen Ducharme, Katie Bakke (Fiscal Specialist); introduced.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING: To solicit input on the Department of Health and Human Services’ 2024 service and budget planning**

No one in attendance provided input.

**5. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

The following departments reported on departmental activities: Mental Health/ AODA, Intake and Assessment, Youth and Family Services, ADRC/ LTS/ CLTS, Economic Support and Public/ Environmental Health.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **2024 Health and Human Services Proposed Budget:** Included in agenda. Proposed budget increased \$10,000 by Administrator for transportation costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Ryan, second Galito, to approve budget with proposed changes and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

- b. **2024 Veterans Office Proposed Budget:** Included in agenda. Budget increased due to personnel costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Skowlund, second Peterson, to approve budget and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

- c. **Proposal for Opioid Settlement Funding:** Proposal for Re-Entry Specialist position funded by opioid settlement. Sheriff Izzard presented information about position and impacts to Douglas County. Position aids known opioid users in getting treatment and resources in place prior to release from Douglas County Jail.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Peterson, second Slay, to approve position and refer to Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

- d. **Nitrate Testing to Douglas County Health and Human Services:** Memorandum attached with agenda. Request to bring Nitrate Water Testing to Douglas County Health and Human Services Department instead of shipping to outside agency; fully funded through grants.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Peterson, second Skowlund, to approve funding in the amount of \$17,500 for Nitrate Water Testing in Douglas County Health and Human Services Department and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

- e. **Resolution: Urge the Wisconsin Legislature to Support Health Care Providers Referring Individuals to Aging and Disability Resource Centers for Options Counseling:** Health care providers already referring individuals to Aging and Disability Resource Centers for options.

**ACTION:** Motion by Peterson, second Farkas, to receive and place on file. Motion carried.

## 7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. **2022 & 2023 Budget Update:** Budget included in agenda.
- b. **County Comprehensive Plan Update – Health Department:** Reported updates on water testing within the county. Water samples with reported concerns are followed up with information and resource connections for next steps.

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Slay, second Bolin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Submitted by,

Lexi Klasen, Committee Clerk