

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Christine Howard, Kathleen Cummings, Jeremy Walz, Jim Batzko, Joel Gaughan, Darlene Johnson, and Duane Paulson.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Accounting Services Coordinator Lisa Davis, Compliance Program Coordinator Will Emslie, and County Board Supervisors Chuck Wood, Dave Swan, and Ted Wysocki.

Ordinance 173-O-109: Modify The Department Of Health And Human Services 2019 Budget To Increase Expenditures Using Additional General Fund Balance Related To Unanticipated 2018 State Revenue Allocations

Davis and Emslie were present to discuss this ordinance which modifies the 2019 Department of Health and Human Services budget to increase expenditures \$402,300 and increases the use of general fund balance. This fund balance resulted from one-time state funding received in 2019 and accrued back to 2018 for an unanticipated increase in the State Income Maintenance allocation. The funding will address Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) waitlists expected to be eliminated and allow some staffing flexibility to address an increase in vacancies in the Economic Support program. At this time, these expenditures will not be needed in 2020. It will also address the continued review and phase-in of staffing required to effectively provide State mandated 24/7 crisis intervention services. The Department will consider these positions in the 2020 budget process along with overall department needs. These funds will also fund a software enhancement that is expected to reduce future costs.

Personnel costs are proposed to increase \$222,500 including \$130,500 to fund two crisis overflow positions for eight months, and \$92,000 to fund extra help (1.33 full-time equivalent positions) to assist with staffing for Economic Support services. The ordinance increases operating expenses by \$179,800. This includes contracted services of \$104,800 to fund two CLTS contract caseworkers for eight months to assist in processing the backlog of clients on the waitlist and \$10,000 for additional ESS staff training. Additionally, \$65,000 will be used to fund a contract developer to implement customized software screens and voice-to-text interface for psychiatrists to reduce transcription costs and assist with implementing the Electronic Medical Record. The proposed ordinance increases the use of general fund balance by \$402,300 which resulted from unanticipated 2018 revenue. This ordinance results in no direct levy impact.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Swan to approve Ordinance 173-O-109. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Minutes of February 14

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of February 14. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Committee Reports of February 18

Howard said the Executive Committee heard an information technology update including video at the jail, enterprise content management, the property tax system, golf registration system, and

court/county board room; approved Ordinance 173-O-096; reviewed the Internal Audit report on 1099 vendor compliance; and heard an update on the Wisconsin Counties Association Legislative Exchange.

Next Meeting Date

- April 11

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Johnson to approve attendance for committee members who attend the Wisconsin Counties Association's County Ambassador Program on April 2. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Cummings to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Walz

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Secretary