

**Ashland County Health & Human Services Board Meeting  
Virtual (Zoom)  
February 15, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Clarence Campbell, George Bussey, Matt MacKenzie, Dr. A.A. Koeller, Laura Kruse, Joy Hinrichsen, Laura Nagro, Richard Huber

**Excused:** None

**Unexcused:** Dr. Matthew Horning

**Others:** Terry Barningham, Scott Griffiths, Tasha McFadden, Amber Erickson, Liz Szot, Val Levno, Jerry Esala, Amy Picchietti, Richard Pufall, Dan Grady, Lisa Bradley

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by C. Campbell at 4:18 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clarence Campbell – here

George Bussey – here

Matt MacKenzie – here

Dr. Koeller – no response (joined call/meeting at 4:19 p.m.)

Dr. Horning – no response

Laura Kruse – here

Joy Hinrichsen – here

Laura Nagro – here

Richard Huber – here

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**

C. Campbell stated that T. Barningham requested agenda item #9 be moved up to #5 on the agenda.

**Richard Huber made a motion to approve adjusting the agenda. Seconded by Laura Kruse. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 16, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed.

**Dr. Koeller made a motion to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Laura Nagro. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**IGNITE GRANT UPDATE**

S. Griffiths provided an update on a grant that was obtained through a partnership with the school district which will allow an opportunity for additional SPARK programs offered. SPARK will also look to add staff to help with academic, social/emotional, and therapeutic support. R. Huber expressed concern that schools outside the city of Ashland are not being considered. S. Griffiths reported that one area to consider for future plans is to involve schools in the southern part of the county.

**2022 YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURES**

A. Erickson reviewed the document included in the packet which was an overview of the 2022 year-to-date expenditures. This includes everything that has been paid through December, however items are still be entered for Period 13. Levy will be exceeded, the exact amount will be determined after everything has been entered. L. Kruse added a comment to thank the staff for their efforts in securing grant funding.

**SHARPS COLLECTION POLICY**

L. Szot reviewed the proposed changes to the Sharps Collection Policy, which are 1) to remove Ashland County Only and allow nearby counties to participate, and 2) the charge would be \$5 per pound (versus per container) or \$5 minimum. Discussion took place regarding proper disposal of sharps. L. Szot and J. Hinrichsen confirmed that it is recommended to only dispose of sharps in an approved container at an appropriate registered sharps collection station. L. Nagro suggested a possible awareness campaign regarding the various locations of the sharps collection sites. L. Nagro also confirmed the effective date as 2/15/2023.

<p><b>L. Nagro made a motion to approve the changes to the Sharps Collection Policy. Seconded by L. Kruse. Motion carried.</b></p>
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**PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

L. Szot reviewed information from the Overdose Fatality Review Team. The monthly reviews are multidisciplinary with a goal to identify the gaps without placing blame, but rather to determine potential interventions and identify trends. It is requested that transitional housing for female counterparts be considered for the Opioid Settlement Funds. The slide presentation will be made available to all and added to the online meeting packet. D. Grady reported there will be another round of paperwork for the Opioid Settlement, which needs to be done by April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS**

L. Szot responded to a request from the previous meeting regarding environmental health impacts associated with various county programs. L. Szot discussed a partnership with the Extension Office who is planning to launch a team effort to identify potential health impacts and what can be done to minimize those impacts.

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**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ORDINANCE**

L. Szot reviewed the ordinance draft, which was included in the meeting packet. The overall goal of the Communicable Disease Ordinance would be to strengthen the local public health infrastructure. Corporate Counsel has reviewed and possible edits may be forthcoming. G. Bussey expressed concern about the response time to any person that raises an issue.

**L. Nagro made a motion to pass the Communicable Disease Ordinance on to the County Board. Seconded by L. Kruse. Discussion Pursued.**

Discussion pursued about the Board's responsibility to resolve any appeals to the Communicable Disease Ordinance.

**M. Mackenzie made a motion to table the Communicable Disease Ordinance until the next meeting. Seconded by G. Bussey. Roll call requested for this motion.**

**Clarence Campbell – yes  
George Bussey – yes  
Matt MacKenzie – yes  
Dr. Koeller – yes  
Dr. Horning – no response  
Laura Kruse – yes  
Joy Hinrichsen – yes  
Laura Nagro – no  
Richard Huber – yes**

**Motion passes to table until the next meeting.**

**CCS RECERTIFICATION**

T. Barningham reported that the CCS recertification went extremely well in January. There were no deficiencies. The Surveyor was so impressed with the organization, how excellent the processes were, how precise everything was regarding documentation and supervision of the CCS program. Congratulations to Val and Teri.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA**

J. Esala noted that Scott Griffiths has been amazing and doing a fantastic job. Scott has been awarded \$575,000 to be spent inside the county. We are losing Sue Miller to Florida as of February 17<sup>th</sup>. Jerry reviewed charts of CPS Intakes 2022 versus 2021, Types of Intake Calls, By County, and Youth Justice 2022 versus 2021. The department continues to get busier and busier. There is more difficulty in placing youth, and there has been a huge number of facilities closed.

**STAFFING UPDATES**

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T. Barningham reported that Griff Nordling retired at the end of 2022, he was replaced by Alex Mohrbacher. As mentioned by Jerry, Susan Miller will be moving to Florida. Heidi Hagen has tendered her resignation and will be working for the Washburn School District. There are a couple of positions open. We are hiring for a Coordinated Services Team Case Manager. The three new Economic Support Specialists that started in November 2022 are going through a significant amount of training. A. Picchietti reviewed the unwinding process and how it will potentially affect community members.

**WRITTEN MATERIALS**

C. Campbell asked if there were any questions about any of the written materials in the packet:

- Children in Substitute Care
- Income Maintenance Consortia Performance Snapshot
- NIMC FoodShare and Medicaid Case Counts for 2022
- WHEAP Benefit Summary
- WCHSA Executive Board Packet – 02/2023

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES/AGENDA ITEMS**

G. Bussey stated that he fully supports the intention and the direction of approving the Communicable Disease Ordinance. He was hoping to work out any wrinkles before it is brought before the full Ashland County Board. M. Mackenzie expressed appreciation for the time and effort given by the entire staff.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

April 19, 2023 at 4:15 pm. Location TBD

<p><b>Dr. Koeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by L. Kruse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.</b></p>
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Respectfully recorded by Lisa Bradley