

MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020
OCONTO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD
LEC CONFERENCE ROOM – North & South
220 ARBUTUS AVENUE, OCONTO, WI 54153
(Draft minutes until approved by Board)

BOARD PRESENT: Diane Nichols, Alan Sleeter, Karl Ballestad, David Behrend, Judith Buhrandt, Kathy Gohr, Carolyn Barke, Loretta Shellman

BOARD ABSENT: Don Girardi

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Bednarik, County Board Chair; Kevin Hamann, Administrator Coordinator; Michael Reimer, Director; Jody Armagost, Deputy Director/Family Services Manager; Debbie Konitzer, Public Health Manager; Carrie Kleinschmidt, Child Welfare Supervisor; Wendy Dey, Confidential Secretary; Beth Ellingson, Corporation Counsel; Tim Magnin, Emergency Management, Kelly Ermis,

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Nichols.

2. Approval of Agenda

A. Change in Sequence – None

B. Removal of Items – None

Motion by Gohr/Barke to approve the agenda as written. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Closed Session Closed Session: The Board may convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (b), for the purpose of considering dismissal of a Health and Human Services employee. Motion by Sleeter, second by Barke to move into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (b), for the purpose of considering dismissal of a Health and Human Services employee. The motion also included allowing the following to remain in the room at times during the closed session: Michael Reimer, Kevin Hamann, Paul Bednarik, Jody Armagost, Carrie Kleinschmidt, Kelly Ermis and Attorney Beth Ellingson. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion was carried unanimously. The Board entered into closed session at 9:03a.m.

4. Return to Open Session: The Board shall return to open session to conduct legal business, as allowed by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(2). Motion by Sleeter, second by Ballestad to return to open session at 11:04 a.m. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously carried.

5. Considering Dismissal of a Health and Human Services employee: Motion by Sleeter, second by Ballestad to approve the dismissal of Health and Human Services employee Kelly Ermis. A roll-call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Board of Health Report

- Debra Kontizer, Health Office/Public Health Manager updated the Board on the Covid-19 Pandemic. Konitzer advised the Board that the first positive case of Covid-19 in Oconto County was reported on Friday, March 27, 2020.
- Konitzer updated the Board on the flood planning for Oconto residents.

7. Announcements/General Information (no action to be taken)

- Konitzer praised her staff for all of their hard work with both the Covid-19 and the flood planning.
- Tim Magnin updated the Board on the flooding in Oconto County. Magnin stated that the river in Oconto is currently at 11 feet, the dam was opened at Chute Pond, and there were reports of minor flooding along Highway 32. Magnin gave Konitzer and the Public Health Employees a big thank you for all of their hard work during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Michael Reimer, Director, updated the Board on the closure of the Courthouse to the public.

- Jody Armagost, Deputy Director/Family Services Manager, expressed appreciation to Wayne Sleeter and the Technology Services Department for all of their hard work with so quickly getting employees set up to be able to work remotely.

8. Set Next Meeting Date(s)

May 2020. Date to be announced.

9. Adjournment

Chair Nichols declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Wendy Dey, Confidential Secretary

Date Posted: 04/09/2020