

MINUTES

County Covid-19 Taskforce

Location: Webex Meet (Virtual)

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Present: Mark Beckfield, Norb Kirk, Kathryn Schauf, Nick Smiar, Tim Sullivan, Jessica Rubin

Absent: Stella Pagonis

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk

Public: Judy Gatlin – County Board Supervisor,

Chair Smiar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Verbal roll call was taken by the Committee Clerk and listed above.

No public wished to make comment.

The taskforce reviewed the minutes from the September 16 meeting. Kathryn Schauf motioned to approve; seconded by Supervisor Beckfield. There were no additions or corrections, and the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Kathryn Schauf advised that data is showing we are in the third wave of the pandemic. From an operations perspective, we have been working to ensure our essential functions continue and working with other jurisdictions and municipalities. Looking at the ongoing challenge of staffing in the County, particularly the Sheriff's Department due to retirement. Kathryn Schauf also provided process of the position on the Bridge Plan. Norb Kirk reminded the task force that the Bridge Plan document also highlights the savings/costs of positions.

Norb Kirk advised that at this time there is no new reports of revenue and expenditures projections. Departments have been asked to provide an update to Norb by November 6. Chair Smiar requests that the timeline provided to departments be moved to the Friday prior to the November 4 County Board meeting.

Norb Kirk provided an update on CARES funding applications. Estimation of being around \$350,000 submission which leaves a little over a million in extra funds which we anticipate assisting the City of Eau Claire with cost of the Health Department. Will also be able to submit reimbursement for upgrades such as automatic sinks to help stop the spread of the virus. Chair Smiar requests to include CARES funding in the report to the board on November 4.

The taskforce discussed the change in frequency of meetings from bi-monthly to monthly. A special meeting will be called in the interim if there are pressing matters to be addressed. All in attendance were in agreeance.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk