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Eau Claire County
Joint Budget Meeting of the
Human Services Board and
Committee on Finance & Budget
Monday, August 7, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Present:

Human Services Board:

- Chair Katherine Schneider
- Vice Chair Kimberly Cronk
- Supervisor John Folstad
- Supervisor David Hirsch
- Supervisor Connie Russell
- Supervisor Thomas Vue
- Ex Officio Member Nancy Coffey
- Citizen Member Jim Catlin
- Citizen Member Kathleen Clark
- Citizen Member Lorraine Henning
- Citizen Member Paul Maulucci

Committee on Finance & Budget:

- Chair Dane Zook
- Vice Chair Cory Sisk*
- Supervisor Jim Dunning
- Supervisor John Folstad
- Supervisor Robin Leary

*Vice Chair Sisk attended virtually via Webex but was considered absent for voting per Chair Zook

Others:

- DHS Director Angela Weideman
- DHS Deputy Director Ron Schmidt
- DHS Fiscal Manager Vickie Gardner
- DHS Economic Support Administrator Kathy Welke
- DHS Behavioral Health Administrator Luke Fedie*
- DHS Data Specialist Matthew Kulasiewicz
- DHS Operations Administrator/Committee Clerk Terri Bohl
- DHS Accountant Chelsey Mayer
- DHS Operations Administrative Specialist Kristen Beaudette
- County Administrator Kathryn Schauf
- Finance Director Norb Kirk
- Finance Senior Accounting Manager Amy Weiss

*Administrator Fedie attended virtually via Webex

Members of the Public:

None

Call to Order:

Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Roll Calls:

The DHS Committee Clerk and Committee on Finance & Budget Chair called the roll calls, and it is noted above under Present.

Confirmation of Meeting Notice:

Chair Schneider asked if the meeting had been noticed, and the Committee Clerk said it had been noticed the previous Wednesday.

Public Comment:

Chair Schneider asked if any public comment had been received, and the Committee Clerks said no comments were received. No members from the public were present to speak.

Human Services Proposed 2024 Budget Discussion:

Director Weideman provided an overview of the proposed 2024 DHS budget. The following topics were discussed:

- Performance management benchmark for placements with kin
- Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) WIMCR revenue
- Services to consumers in eastern portion of county
- Sheriff's Investigation Report, Von Briesen Report and WIPFLI Forensic Report serving as risk area for DHS budget
- Collaborative efforts between DHS and other agencies
- Department's investment in housing
- Crisis phone assessment metrics and funding
- Treatment Court graduation rate
- Operations expenses
- Payroll portion of tax levy
- Vacancy rate at DHS
- Maintenance of Effort in budget
- Fund Balance Applied language
- Eau Claire County expenses related to pass thru
- Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) funding
- CCS expenses not covered by Medicaid
- Alia contracts
- System of Care budget
- Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) budget
- CLTS program growth
- Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) youth on CLTS waitlist
- JDC youth receiving peer support services
- Title change of Social Worker position in Family Services
- Necessity of JDC
- Adult Protective Services (APS) funding
- APS payroll benefits
- Additional budget cuts to tax levy
- Information Systems (IS) costs in budget
- WPS expense

- Confidence in budget
- JDC placements and counties served
- Youth justice practice

Chair Schneider took a vote to accept the proposed 2024 budget. The DHS proposed 2024 budget was approved 10-0.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Terri Bohl