



**Juneau County**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Board Minutes**  
January 3, 2023  
8:30 am

Members Present: Judy Kennedy, Richard Kilmer, James Ryczek, John McGinley, Peggy Saylor, Dawn Buchholz, Mary Jo Onsager

Members Absent: Julie Quist, Carl Wildes

**Call to Order**

The Juneau County Human Services Board meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chairperson James Ryczek in the Juneau County Courthouse County Board Room. It was noted the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Richard Kilmer and seconded by Judy Kennedy to approve December 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Presentation by Corporation Counsel**

Corporation Counsel works the most with Human Services. In 2022, there were 28 new Child Welfare cases. Twenty-one children were brought to permanency through reunifications and TPRs. Guardianships for adults had 19 new cases, 4 with protective placements; currently 75 ongoing protective cases which need a WATTS Hearing once a year. Mental Health had 18 chapters, including new and ongoing commitments. Corp Counsel also represents Child Support twice a month.

**Possible motion and approval to fill Human Services position(s)**

APS/Crisis Worker resigned. Request to refill full-time position. Motion to approve to fill made by Richard Kilmer and seconded by Judy Kennedy. Motion carried.

**Human Services Board report outs (if any)**

CCS – Lori Martin is developing training pods, quarterly meetings have been scheduled. Counties are having difficulty maintaining staffing, which is a nationwide issue.

**Director report outs (if any)**

New Child Psychiatry provider has started, first sessions were in December.

Regarding prevention efforts, would like to work with JCEDC and the Chamber of Commerce to include a calendar for events for people in recovery/family friendly events, and work to build a recovery community. However, it has been a struggle to find providers for this service (i.e. first contracted agency dissolved, second decided they weren't interested, potential individuals not responding, etc.). Would like to partner with Public Health and maybe hire an LTE position.

**Items for Future Meetings**

Presentation by Child Support

Determine Director review process for March meeting

April agenda: update regarding status of staff flex work schedules approved by Human Services Board through March 31, 2023. Possible motion and approval to continue.

**Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 8:30 am in Juneau County Board Room or via Zoom

**Possible motion and approval to enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters**

Motion made by Judy Kennedy, seconded by Richard Kilmer. Motion carried.

**Discussion of personnel matters**

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**Possible motion and approval to end closed session and return to open session**

Motion made by Judy Kennedy and seconded by Richard Kilmer to return to open session. Motion carried.

**Possible motion and approval of personnel action(s)**


No action necessary from closed session.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn Juneau County Human Services Board meeting made by John McGinley and seconded by Richard Kilmer. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by,

  
John McGinley, Vice Chair/Secretary

  
Alison Brown, Recorder