



**Juneau County**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Board Minutes**  
**July 5, 2023**  
**8:30 am**

Members: James Ryczek, Chair, John McGinley, Vice Chair/Secretary,  
Richard Kilmer, Judy Kennedy, Julie Quist, Carl Wildes, Betty Kryka

The Juneau County Human Services Board Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Vice Chairperson John McGinley in the Juneau County Board Room. It is noted the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

Roll Call: Members Present: John McGinley, Richard Kilmer, Judy Kennedy, Betty Kryka;  
Absent: James Ryczek, Julie Quist, Carl Wildes; also present: Dawn Buchholz, Mary Jo  
Onsager, Alison Brown

Acknowledgment of compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda made by Judy Kennedy, seconded by Richard Kilmer. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve June 6, 2023 minutes made by Judy Kennedy, seconded by Betty Kryka.  
Motion carried.

**Child Protection Services and Youth Justice Presentation**

Kelly Firlus, Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Services Manager, Coralie Burrows, Child Protection Services (CPS) Supervisor, and staff attend. CPS consists of one Access Worker, two Initial Assessment Workers, three Ongoing Case Managers, two Family Support Workers, and one Foster Care/Kinship Care Coordinator. CPS is administered under the authority of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Targeted Safety Services Funds (TSSF) is a State funding program that is utilized to provide additional funds for items and services related to keeping children safe in their homes. In 2022, 40 families (81 children) were served using this supplemental funding. Sea of Change transitional housing program provides services and support to families in assisting them in moving into their own safe housing. In October 2021, the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act went into effect. This act takes bold steps to keep families together, prevents unnecessary foster care removals, and works to ensure that children grow up in safe and loving families. Wrap around resources and teaming for families happens a lot within Human Services internally, utilizing Corporation Counsel, Comprehensive Community Services, Substance Abuse Counseling, Mental Health Therapy, Community Support Program and Drug Court.

Youth Justice (YJ) has two service/program coordinators and is governed and driven by Chapter 937 of Wisconsin State Statutes which is also known as the Juvenile Justice Code and is for youth age 10 and over. Youth Justice is different from the adult criminal system. The goal of the juvenile system is to impose accountability for violations of law and help a juvenile develop competencies to live responsibly and productively, as well as avoid future incidents, to protect

public safety, and to help the juvenile restore any damage they may have done. Our team strives to move away from the punitive model to a more trauma sensitive model. Wisconsin has been moving to utilize YASI, an assessment tool with corresponding case planning guidelines, and hope to be fully implemented across the state by the end of 2023. Currently there are 11 juveniles with open cases/active orders or Deferred Prosecution Agreements, and 11 juveniles in the intake stage.

**Motion and approval to fill Human Services position(s)**

Economic Support Worker. Motion to fill open position made by Richard Kilmer, seconded by Betty Kryka. Motion carried.

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

Judy attended CCS Regional Committee meeting. There was a presentation regarding a phone app which our Drug Court Coordinator is currently testing.

**Director report outs (if any)**

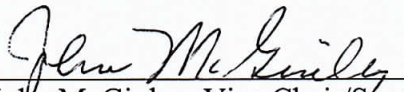
Leadership team to have a Professional Development Day.

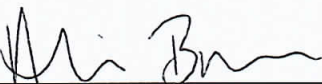
**Items for Future Meeting(s)**

- August 1, 2023 at 8:30am, 2022 Annual Report to Human Services Board and MAMA Presentation
- September 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., draft 2024 budget/plan presented to Human Services Board
- September 20, 2023 Public Hearing and Human Services Board meeting to approve 2024 budget and plan, 7:00pm at Hatch Library
- October/November meeting: discussion and decision around ongoing Public Participation at Human Services Board meetings. Comprehensive Community Services & Coordinated Service Teams presentation.

The next Human Services Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 8:30 am in the Juneau County Board Room. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
John McGinley, Vice Chair/Secretary

  
Alison Brown, Recorder