

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Wausau Board Room

Present: X Kurt Gibbs X Lance Leonhard X Robin Stowe
X Cate Wylie

Staff Present: Mort McBain, Gary Olsen

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chair Gibbs.

Public Comments

- None

Approval of September 8, 2022 and September 14, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to approve the September 8 and September 14, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action

- August Financials – G. Olsen
 - August financials showed a loss of \$169,000 after receiving one-time funding in the month; actual loss is closer to \$491,000.
 - Youth Hospital is currently at \$1.1 million loss; with school starting we anticipate an increased census; we will also increase our marketing to improve census and revenue. It was noted that opening the Youth Hospital and the newly renovated adult inpatient hospital, diversions to Winnebago have reduced significantly.
 - In discussion with the Sheriff's Department about the possibility of providing meals to the jail.
 - Working on issues with Cerner that relate to improving billing and decreasing write-offs.
 - A hiring pause, except for direct care positions, has helped decrease losses.
 - Committee suggested involving Sheriff's Office and Social Services Director to help communicate and market NCHC services; a 'menu of services' brochure, including how to access services, will be developed for marketing purposes.
- Budget Overview – G. Olsen
 - The 2023 budget will be presented at the October Board meeting. A balanced budget, (without debt and depreciation), will be provided and we will continue to work on having the ability to make the debt payment for future years.
 - Budgets were revised, made easier to understand, so staff can be held accountable. Directors and Managers have embraced the process this year.

Compensation Manual – M. McBain

- The Compensation Manual has been revised to include the suggested changes from the last meeting and is being presented for approval.
- **Motion**/second, Wylie/Leonhard, to approve the Compensation Manual. Motion carried.

Opioid Settlement Update – M. McBain/G. Olsen

- Every county will receive opioid recovery funds from the 2021 opioid settlement. It is understood the money can be used for more than just opioid recovery. There may be a Marathon County task force created to review options for utilizing these funds which NCHC would like to be part of.

Pine Crest Nursing Home Funding Update – G. Olsen

- In the Pine Crest Nursing Home Management Agreement, it states that if more money is needed for the operations of Pine Crest, NCHC should make a request to Lincoln County. Our request was going to be \$606,000 for 2023 and \$675,000 for 2022. However, we recently learned of a possible increase in Medicaid reimbursement for nursing homes and will wait until after we receive definitive information about the increase in Medicaid rates before making an official request to Lincoln County. Calculations should go back to 7/1/2022. Additional information is expected in early October.

Laundry Capital Equipment Request – G. Olsen

- Estimated cost to replace the steam boiler system is \$493,099. Bid was received 9/8/22 and is good for 60 days. Laundry services are provided to NCHC and Pine Crest, but the cost would only apply to Marathon County as part of the NCHC facilities. This project is separate from the remodel project. Would like to bring this to the Marathon County Board in October. G. Olsen will talk with Chief Deputy Billeb about the possibility of providing laundry services for the jail.

Extension of Interim Executive Director Limited Term Employment Agreement – M. McBain

- Original employment agreement ends September 30, 2022 and states the contract can be extended in 30-day increments.
- **Motion**/second, Wylie/Stowe, to extend the Interim Executive Director Limited Term Employment Agreement to October 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Closed Session

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 19.85(1)(c) and (e), for the purpose of considering employment or compensation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and for the purpose of conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive reasons require a closed session, to wit: Organizational Structure and Evaluation of Certain Positions/Incumbents within NCHC and Recruitment Strategy for Executive Director. Roll call taken. All indicated aye. Motion carried. Meeting convened in closed session at 4:19 p.m.

Return to Open Session and Possible Announcements and/or Action Regarding Closed Session Items

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Wylie, to move to open session at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.
- Executive Committee will meet again on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to continue the closed session discussion.

Adjournment

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried.