

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Wausau Board Room

Present:	X	Kurt Gibbs	EXC	Renee Krueger
	X	Lance Leonhard	X	Robin Stowe

Staff: Gary Olsen, Jennifer Peaslee, Jarret Nickel

Others: Dejan Adzic, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Chair Gibbs at 3:05 p.m.

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Approval of December 19, 22, 29, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 22, and 29, 2022 Executive Committee meetings. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report – G. Olsen

- Next agenda will include a presentation of the 2023 Work Plan for the Executive Director as well as the 2023 Work Plan for V. Tylka, Managing Director of Community Programs.
- The Finance Director position has been filled with a start date of February 6.
- V. Tylka has started to work on establishing the Human Services Leadership Team.
- G. Olsen will be visiting each of the three County Boards in the next few months to begin to establish relationships with each of the counties.
- Have had inquiries from staff on the vision of NCHC with the position of Executive Director. To help build relationships and trust, Managers will be updated on the vision of NCHC at their next meeting, Olsen will participate in each new hire orientation again, and rounding by the Senior Leadership Team in each program and service area is being reestablished.
- An announcement will be sent out today on Dr. Gouthro's departure 3/27/2023. He will continue to oversee the MCW program and psychiatry residency program. We are meeting regularly to identify a transition plan.

Financial Update – G. Olsen

- November's financials were better than October. December financials, included in the packet, showed receipt of money from CCS which was more than anticipated, and the Medicaid adjustment for Pine Crest was also more than anticipated. We also had a plan to cover the \$1.1 million loss for Mount View. The CPE funds that were expected had not been received yet so we contacted the State yesterday and were informed that we would not be receiving these funds this year and next year. This amounts to \$730,000 less for Pine Crest and \$892,000 less for Mount View. With this news, we are looking at a \$2 million loss for Mount View and nearly \$1.2 million for Pine Crest. Updated December financials were distributed to reflect this additional information.

- We feel it is important for our legislators to be made aware of this recent information. We would like to meet with the State to relay how devastating this is on county nursing homes. We also learned that other county nursing homes in the State were not yet aware of the latest news about the CPE funds and what is more frustrating is that Rock and Dane Counties have each received millions of dollars more while the other counties have received much less or no funds.
- NCHC is currently looking at a \$1.2 million loss without including the debt payment. While cash on hand improved to 37 days and is trending in a good direction, we are asking for advances in funding from the State to help with our cash on hand.
- K. Gibbs has had conversations with Wisconsin Counties Associations (WCA), and it is understood that legislators were unaware of how the supplemental payments were done.
- The Committee agreed that contacts need to be made to our legislators, so they understand how critical the situation is for nursing homes and the future success of the nursing homes that have been hit hard these past few years. Being a unified voice of county homes with the assistance of WCA will be more impactful to make sure a clear voice is heard.
- We are working with our auditors and Marathon County on finalizing the Facilities Agreement. The Agreement will be brought back to the Executive Committee for approval.

Appointments to the NCCSP Board

- G. Olsen will contact R. Krueger regarding the two vacant Board positions from Lincoln County.
- There is one vacancy for Marathon County with Dr. Ticho's change from Medical Staff President and upcoming retirement in March. Marathon County residents can apply for the position by completing the online form on the Marathon County website.

Closed Session

- **Motion**/second, Stowe/Leonhard, to go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote Suggested) Pursuant to Wis. Stat. ss. 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (h), for the purpose of “[c]onsidering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility”, “considering medical data of specific persons”, “preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or investigation of charges against specific persons,” and “conferring with counsel” with respect to litigation NCHC is likely to become involved in to wit: Update on Investigative Matters Concerning NCHC Employees and Discuss Program Specific Personnel Issues and Concerns, Discuss Medical Data of Certain Personnel, and Update From Legal Counsel Regarding Likely Employment Law Related Litigation Involving NCHC. G. Olsen, J. Peaslee, J. Nickel, and D. Adzic were asked to remain in Closed Session. Roll call taken. All indicated aye. Motion carried. Meeting convened in closed session at 3:45 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session Immediately Following Closed Session and Take Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to reconvene in Open Session at 4:29 p.m. Motion carried.
- No action taken from Closed Session.

Adjourn

- **Motion**/second, Leonhard/Stowe, to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.