

## RESOURCE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 27, 2023

In-Person/Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Kristin Vierow; Chair, Tonya Fitzgerald; Vice-Chair, Jane DuBois, Jerry Finkel, Batsheva Halpert, Lesley Hauser, Amanda Knoll, Suresh Nair, Catherine Rogers, Sally Stockey, Dr. Michael Wilcox

**Members Absent:** Fredrick Ehlers, Lloyd Erbaugh, Farheen Hassan, Pamela Peters

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioner Jody Brennan

### **Staff Present:**

Barb Dahl, Health and Human Services Director

Danielle Fox, Deputy HHS Director

Jeff Daiker, Developmental Disabilities Supervisor

Peter Goldstein, Housing Supervisor

Melissa Hurt, Developmental Disabilities Supervisor

Jane Jacobson, Administrative Services

### **I. CALL TO ORDER – Introductions:**

Kristin Vierow: Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.  
Introductions were done.

### **II. MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Amanda Knoll and seconded by Tonya Fitzgerald to approve the Resource Council minutes of November 21, 2022. Motion carried.

### **III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Barb updated the group on the Health and Human Services structure due to Pam Selvig's retirement and Barb's move into her position as Health and Human Services Director.
- After meeting with County Administration, HHS department heads, and Employee Relations to discuss county priorities, current operations, how our work has evolved over the past eight years, and projects we anticipate; we have developed a structure that will assist in supporting this work, our staff, and Scott County residents not only in 2023, but in the future.
- The new structure, we will be transitioning to, will include two Deputy HHS Director positions.

- Danielle Fox, Adult Services Manager, has been promoted to Deputy HHS Director-Behavioral Health and Housing. The Resource Council congratulated Danielle on her promotion!
- Suzanne Arntson, Child Welfare Manager, has been promoted to Deputy HHS Director-Social Services and Public Health.
- Barb handed out and talked through a high-level draft of the new organizational structure for Health and Human Services.

#### **IV. New Business/Community Input**

- **Program Spotlight — Developmental Disabilities (DD) Programs – Jeff Daiker and Melissa Hurt**
  - Deputy Director, Danielle Fox and Developmental Disabilities Supervisors Jeff Daiker and Melissa Hurt presented a PowerPoint that included performance measures data on Developmental Disabilities current work, DD County work as a Developmental Disabilities unit and the future focus or priorities of the unit.
  - The team recognizes workforce shortages in contracted case management and are hoping to add more providers to meet the growth and need for culturally diverse providers.
  - A new Contracted Case Management Lead Worker will be hired to be the point of contact to offer help with technical assistance and quality assurance of contracted staffing.
- **Housing – Peter Goldstein**
  - Peter continued the PowerPoint, speaking about Housing resources and the County's role in supporting expanded housing resources in Scott County.
  - Scott County is employing many strategies to ensure appropriate housing is available to meet the needs of all residents and that homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring.
  - Recent positive impacts have been seen from grant expansions, re-entry housing development, the housing blueprint and 10-year plan to end homelessness, housing support provider workgroup, etc.
  - Scott County could have upcoming opportunities in legislative funding potential, housing local homeless prevention aid to counties, and housing support provider opportunities.
  - The team is interested to know what Resource Council members are hearing from residents. What are the top priorities?
- **Other**
  - Barb held a new member orientation meeting prior to the Resource Council meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held in GCW 165 from 5:00-5:30 pm.
  - Barb led members on an optional brief tour of the GCW lower level after the meeting was adjourned.

**V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. No discussion.

**VI. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY MEETING**

- Suggestions for May 2023 Meeting:
  - Unwinding of Public Health Emergency
  - Student Survey - Public Health
  - Budget final numbers – 2022
  - Coordinated Response with Law Enforcement update
  - Relaunch of Family Resource Center – March 21<sup>st</sup> MRTS
  - Update on ARPA – truancy data

**VII. ADJOURN**

Motion made to adjourn by Jane DuBois and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Catherine Rogers. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2023

2023 Meeting Schedule:

February 27, 2023

May 15, 2023

August 21, 2023

November 20, 2023