

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**January 16, 2024**

Present: Jessica Moser, Chair; Thomas Kalamas, Vice-Chair; Josh Leviker; Vincent Nortz; and Barry Lyndaker.

Legislator Moser called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Legislator Leviker moved to approve the November 21, 2023, committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried.

**2024/2025 Proposed Goals for Human Services Committee – Ryan Piche, County Manager**

Ryan Piche reviewed the goal adoption process timeline beginning with December 2023 when Legislators and Department Heads were asked to consider goals for the upcoming legislative term. At the January 2, 2024, Board of Legislators Organizational meeting a draft copy of the Committee Goals were distributed to legislators for their input. During the time between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup> the draft goals were edited to reflect feedback received from legislators. Today the draft goals are going to be discussed and adopted by each Committee. After that they will be forwarded to the full board on February 6<sup>th</sup> for adoption.

Human Services Committee Goals are as follows:

1. Continue to Expand Childcare Initiatives
  - a) Lead: Casandra Buell, Planning & Community Development Director and Naturally Lewis, Inc.
  - b) Execute grant funding to expand childcare in schools.
  - c) Work regionally to leverage state childcare funding.
2. Support Public Health's Community Health Improvement Plan
  - a) Lead: Ashley Waite, Public Health Director.
  - b) Track Key Performance Indicators for obesity, suicide, and other population health trends.
  - c) Implement programs to improve population health in Lewis County.
3. Continue to Discuss Recreation Patrol
  - a) Lead: Lewis County Sheriff Carpinelli.
  - b) Work together to ensure our trail system and recreational assets are as safe as possible.
4. Review Jail Medical Contracts
  - a) Lead: Lewis County Sheriff Carpinelli and Ryan Piche, County Manager.
  - b) Explore options for single-sourced Jail Medical services.
  - c) Transition Jail Medical services, if deemed appropriate.

5. Support Employee Wellness Initiatives

- a) Lead: Caitlyn Smith, Human Resources Director and Employee Wellness Committee.
- b) Prioritize Employee Wellness as a strategy to drive down health insurance costs.
- c) Develop creative solutions to improve health and wellness of employees.

6. Complete LCHS Renovation Project

- a) Lead: Legislator Vincent Nortz; Jerry Cayer, Hospital CEO; and Lewis County Health System Board of Managers.
- b) Complete renovation of patient rooms and old operating suite.
- c) Close out project with engineers and contractors.
- d) Hold Ribbon Cutting.

7. Reopen Maternity Services at Lewis County Health System

- a) Lead: Legislator Vincent Nortz; Jerry Cayer, Hospital CEO; and Lewis County Health System Board of Managers.
- b) Support LCHS's effort to restore women's health services.
- c) Track expenditures and efficiency of Maternity Services to ensure long-term sustainability.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Authorizing agreements between Department of Social Services and New York State Office of Children and Family Services and with Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. for the purpose of receiving federal funding in the amount of \$42,270.00 from NYS OCFS and for conducting registration and inspection of family day care and school aged childcare providers by Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County, Inc. at an annual cost not to exceed \$40,157.00. *There was a brief explanation given that the full amount of money is received, the county keeps a small portion, and the rest is dispersed out.*

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The following motion was made:

1. Legislator Moser moved that the Human Services Committee approve the proposed 2024/2025 Human Services Committee Goals and forward them to the full board for adoption, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and carried.

Legislator Moser called for a brief recess until Hospital staff arrive for an executive session on personnel. At 1:56 p.m. Legislator Moser called the meeting back to order and moved to enter executive session with Hospital staff and LCHS Board of Managers members to discuss personnel matters, second by Legislator Kalamas, and carried.

At 2:30 p.m. Legislator Moser moved to enter regular session, seconded by Legislator Leviker, and carried.

There being no other business to come before the committee, Legislator Moser moved to adjourn at 2:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kalamas, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board