

**BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes of the April 25, 2019 Personnel and Human Services Committee Meeting.

Meeting held in Conference Room 4B. Attendance was as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>
William Chickering	X		Gretchen Carlson, Ric Compton, Bill Wolf
Teri Sue Freehling	X		Michael Hoyh, Jerry Edwards, Michael Haskins
Dave Vollrath	X		Carrie Smietanka-Haney, Annette Christie
			Shelley Jasper

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

- Meeting called to order at 9:22 a.m.
- Motion by Commissioner Freehling, supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting. 3 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
- Annette Christie presented and discussed reappointments for the Board of Health and Mental Health Board. PHSC consensus was to recommend reappointment of Margaret Kohring, Vanessa Brown and Linda Strohl to the Board of Health and Ed Meny, Marion Maier, and E. Arthur Robertson, MD to the Mental Health Board. Annette will prepare the necessary documentation for action at today’s Board Meeting.
- Commissioner Freehling arrived at 10:00 a.m. She served in the Board Chair’s absence today.

**MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (Riverwood)**

Gretchen Carlson highlighted the Jail Diversion Program, a grant funded program in which Berrien County is a pilot County. She said the goal of the program was to provide appropriate treatment for lodged offenders with mental health diagnoses. The program assists the Sheriff’s Department in diverting those nonviolent offenders with a mental health diagnosis from jail into a treatment program or diagnosis appropriate facility. She discussed the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) that staff from the jail diversion program provide to law enforcement officers, thus providing them with the necessary training to identify mental health issues among offenders. Gretchen explained that the Jail Diversion Team is made up of a full time and a part time therapist, a case manager and a part time clerical assistant, in addition to herself. The team screen inmates lodged in the jail; makes bond and or specialty court recommendations, provides 30 days of medication upon offender release from jail, provides follow up treatment through Riverwood, and coordinates re-entry programs. She informed Committee members that the current grant, originally awarded in 2015, expires in October of 2020 and then highlighted the activities underway to advocate for renewal of funding with State Legislators.

**ADMINISTRATOR/CHAIRMAN**

The classification/compensation study vendors were discussed. Consensus was to invite Consultant Mark Nottley to provide education, insight, and input into the study/review process. Administrator Wolf will communicate with the vendors who bid to advise them of the project delay.

Administrator Wolf mentioned that a Resolution was introduced to extend the Senior Center auditing contract for an additional three years. Bill also responded to questions regarding staffing levels within the Public Defender’s Office.

Board Vice-Chairman Freehling reviewed the consent calendar.

Adjourned 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jasper  
Human Resources Director