

**MEETING OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2009

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Public Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Griesbach, Jef Hall, Jim Koziczkowski, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harvey Rengstorf, and Tom Widener

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ken Stoffel, Ellen Shute, Ann Kriegel, Mary Krueger, and Dorothy De Grace

OTHERS PRESENT: Barb Salemi, Clarity Care; Lea Kitz, ARC; and Margaret Winn, Lakeside Packaging Plus

Jim Koziczkowski called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Introductions were made.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lea Kitz wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Human Services Board for offering a local match of \$10,000 for a federally funded transportation grant that the ARC received last October. She said they were able to provide rides to 323 individuals for a total of 2,944 rides, mostly for employment and medical appointments. She thanked the Board for offering a match this year, although the program will not be operating this year because of a lack of additional match funding.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2009 AND FEBRUARY 24, 2009 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETINGS

Harvey Rengstorf moved for approval of these minutes. With two changes to the list of attendees, the motion was seconded by Don Griesbach and carried (8-0).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2009 LONG TERM SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING; THE JANUARY 28, 2009 COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING; AND THE FEBRUARY 10, 2009 FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tom Widener moved for acceptance of the minutes; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried (8-0).

AGENDA ITEM #4: 2008 PRE-AUDIT FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Ellen Shute said the pre-audit report shows a balance of \$44,112 for 2008. She pointed out that \$200,000 will be restored to the undesignated fund balance.

AGENDA ITEM #5: 2009 FINANCIAL PROJECTION REPORT

For 2009 there is a current variance of \$28,663. We are forecasting a total variance of \$259,225 which includes anticipated decreased placement expenses of \$162,062 and increased MA revenue of \$68,500.

Ellen referred to the graph of inpatient and institutional placements for 2007 to January 2009. The average daily population increased to four in January 2009 compared to December 2008. Bill Topel explained that a number of juveniles were sentenced to correctional placement, but several of them are scheduled to be reintegrated to a less restrictive environment. He said this time of the year has historically seen an increase in specialty hospital placements. We should see a change after we start our hospital diversion program. Ellen said the overall trend is downward.

AGENDA ITEM #6: 2009 BUDGET UPDATE

Bill Topel said there are recommendations in the Governor's budget for a 1% decrease in shared revenue for counties; a 1% decrease in our BCA (basic county allocation); a 10% drop in the Child Welfare area; and a 10% drop in Income Maintenance programs. It is proposed in the budget that counties start to pick up the state's share of the Medicaid costs for placing people in institutions (children & people over 65). Bill said our costs could potentially go up about \$300,000 a year. He said through our hospital diversion program we will become certified as a receiving facility, which could help determine alternative placements. Bill said the Governor's budget also proposes a decrease of \$270 million for child institutional placements. There will probably be an increase to counties in daily rates.

Bill said we anticipate an increase in the number of people using our Economic Support, Behavioral Health, and Child Welfare services because of the current economic situation.

AGENDA ITEM #7: SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS LETTER

Harvey Rengstorf said the Specialized Transportation Council prepares a letter to County Board members every year explaining their accomplishments during the previous year. He said there was an increase in the number of riders in all of the transportation programs for 2008.

AGENDA ITEM #8: DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD RE: COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM

Bill Topel began the discussion regarding the three prescription drug discount plans that were presented to the Board at previous meetings—Med One, NACO, and Family Wyse.

Bill said each of the cards is free and it provides a cost savings of approximately 20% to the person presenting the card at a pharmacy, for the average wholesale price of the drug. Med One sends a letter and a card to every household in the county. The letter could have the county's logo. About 20 counties are currently participating in the NACO program. A resolution would need to be passed to start this program in a county, and an exclusivity agreement must be signed. Each county is responsible for distributing the cards. NACO uses Care Mark as its provider; whereas Med One uses a pharmacy chain in Iowa, with the intention of branching out into other states. The Family Wise prescription card is already partly distributed by United Way throughout Winnebago County and is being used by some residents. Pros and cons of the programs were discussed. The consensus of the Board was to carry this topic over to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #9: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel read two letters of appreciation that were received on behalf of two employees. The letters will be placed in their personnel file.

AGENDA ITEM #10: BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Harvey Rengstorf reported on his attendance at a State Judiciary meeting of the WCA.

Tom Widener recently attended a National Association of County Human Service Administrators meeting and a NACO Steering Committee meeting.

Donna Lohry reported that she attended the regional WCHSA meeting in Green Bay.

PROGRAM: FAMILY CARE

Ken Stoffel said a resolution for the start-up of Family Care will be presented to the County Board at its April meeting. He reviewed some of the aspects of Family Care with the Board.

Ken said the state has guaranteed that it will buy down (over a period of five years) some of the overmatch that Winnebago County has. That amount could be over \$3 million; but we would need to continue paying about \$1.5 million. Ken explained that Family Care will be an entitlement for persons that are elderly, frail, and over age 65; and persons with developmental or physical disabilities. It will also serve persons that we are currently serving through the waivers and anyone on the waiting list that is eligible. The Aging & Disability Resource Center will need to be in operation before Family Care starts up. The state will pay 100% of the costs of the ADRC. It will be a resource for information and assistance, and for short-term case management. Individuals that qualify will be referred to Family Care for services. Ken said Family Care will be a managed care model where basic needs will be met. There will be no waiting lists for services. Ken pointed out that Winnebago County has decided to go with a public model; although there is an option of counties going with a private model. About 35 of our staff positions will be directly impacted, and about 40 will be indirectly impacted because of how they are funded.

Ken said there will be three representatives each from Winnebago, Fond du Lac, and Manitowoc County on the Board of Directors for the Family Care District.

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Bill Topel said the state has set up a timetable for counties to go with Family Care. In three years, counties will no longer be able to operate the long term care programs the way they are right now, and the state would dictate which county they would join for Family Care if they haven't gone to a private model. Bill said we would submit an RFP to the state in May if the resolution is passed by the County Board. The state would then give approval after a couple of months of reviewing the business plan. Fond du Lac would start its ADRC in February 2010; Manitowoc would start in May; Winnebago would start in August.

With no further business Don Griesbach moved for adjournment at 5:30 p.m.; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be **Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Lohry, Human Services Board Secretary
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