

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

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2009

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl and Tom Widener

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Leipzig – Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca ADRC; Lea Kitz –ARC; and Lorraine Yarbrough – Cerebral Palsy of Mideast WI

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

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION ON AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Before the discussion, Jim Koziczkowski asked the Board to make the following changes to the proposed resolution for authorizing and implementing an Aging & Disability Resource Center: strike lines 27 through 40 and lines 46 through 48. He said these items are considered part of Family Care and were not posted on the agenda for discussion; therefore, they cannot be addressed today.

Ken Stoffel said we need an ADRC in order to move on to Family Care. He referred to a proposed 2010 ADRC budget showing a levy impact of \$106,346. Ellen said we would get two months of state funding prior to the start-up of Family Care and thereafter. Since we plan to start Family Care in July 2010 and an ADRC in February 2010 we will have to use three months county tax levy to start the ADRC. Ellen said some staff would transition from Human Services to the ADRC and remain county employees, and some would transition to the Family Care District. Jef Hall asked if the ADRC staff would be deciding the level of benefit for consumers. Bill Topel explained that they would be reviewing the person's circumstances to determine if they would be eligible for Family Care. The Managed Care District would determine the level of service the person could get. Ken Stoffel said the ADRC and the District would be separate entities. About 20% of the people who go to the ADRC will be eligible for Family Care services; the remaining people would be given information or referrals for access to service. Mary Krueger said the ADRC will help people do some planning and become more knowledgeable about the resources available to avoid having to obtain long term care services.

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Ken pointed out that people under Family Care would get an annual assessment to determine continued eligibility. Nancy Leipzig said the Long Term Care functional screen is the tool used to determine eligibility. An individual would also need to be eligible for Medical Assistance. Ken Stoffel said an appeal process can be followed by individuals: 1) file internally to the Care Managed Organization (CMO); 2) file with a committee within the CMO; 3) file with the state which would go to a contracted independent entity for mediation of the grievance. A person could opt for the IRIS program (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) where they would manage their own care. The state would offer short-term case management through an independent consulting agency and a fiscal intermediary. The ADRC staff would tell the person the dollar amount of service they could get, and they would also act as an advocate.

Ken referred to the LTS Table of Organization for 2010. He noted that an Adult & ADRC team would be created and would include 8.5 full-time Information & Assistance Specialists and two Disability Benefit Specialists. When asked where the ADRC would be located, Ken said there is a possibility of it being in the Oshkosh Human Services building, 3rd floor and staff presence in our Neenah building.

AGENDA ITEM #3: CONSIDER & ACT ON RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ADRC

With the conclusion of the discussion on creating an Aging & Disability Resource Center, Jef Hall moved for approval of the proposed resolution with the strikeout of lines 27 through 40 and lines 46 through 48 and striking the “and” at the end of line 25; motion was seconded by Mike Norton.

Discussion ensued regarding including in the resolution the fiscal impact of starting an ADRC for Winnebago County. It was decided that the budget information for the ADRC would be available in a handout to the County Board. It will include the fact that it is based on a February 2010 start-up that will require a one-time-only tax levy of \$106,346.

Jef Hall moved to further amend the resolution to read at the end of line 53, “to begin operation in February 2010.” The motion was seconded by Harvey Rengstorf and carried 7-0.

The final vote on the amended resolution to create an ADRC in Winnebago County was aye – 7; nay – 0.

With no further business Donna Lohry moved for adjournment at 4:35 p.m.; seconded by Jef Hall and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Lohry, Human Services Board Secretary
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