

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 21, 2012

**LOCATION:** Oshkosh Human Services Building

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczkowski, Ron Kuehl, Larry Lautenschlager, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock and Tom Widener

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Tom Saari, Leo Podoski, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, Mark Weisensel and Dorothy De Grace

Jim Koziczkowski, chairperson of the Department of Human Services Board, opened the hearing at 8:30 a.m. by welcoming those present in the audience and introducing the Board members and staff who were present. Jim explained that the intent of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on programs funded by the Department of Human Services for residents of Winnebago County who are affected by developmental disabilities, chemical dependency or mental illness, and on the financial and social service programs available through the Department. Jim reviewed the guidelines for the hearing.

The following information is testimony given:

**Testimony given by Jean Krings:** Jean thanked the Board for what they have done for the Hope and Care Center, a drop-in center for the mentally ill. She said they moved to a new location at 724 North Main Street, Oshkosh. She explained that the Oshkosh Police Department has been very supportive by talking to clients to give them a better perception of police officers. The Warming Shelter has contacted the Center to see how they might work collaboratively and allow their clients to visit the Center to participate in activities during the day. Jean said they have been promoting the Center by handing out pamphlets and selling various craft items made by their clients. They would like to be able to hire a manager to operate and promote their facility so they are better known in the community. They continue to seek outside funding to help keep their facility operating.

**Testimony given by Mark Ziemer:** Mark is the Director of Senior Services for the city of Oshkosh. He thanked the Board for the collaboration that is taking place between the city of Oshkosh and Winnebago County. He also thanked the Board for the financial support for the programs offered to seniors.

**Testimony given by Mark Harris:** Mark said he has received communication from the 2-1-1 Center and also the Warming Shelter asking if we could be a source of funding to them.

With no further testimonies offered, the hearing was closed at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by:

Dorothy De Grace, Secretary  
Winnebago County Department of Human Services