

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2013

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Rm. 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczkowski, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Tom Widener

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl and Donna Lohry

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Tom Saari, Leo Podoski, Tom Matczynski, Jennifer Long, Laura Motzel and Dorothy De Grace

Jim Koziczkowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Larry Lautenschlager moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM #3: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Ellen Shute reported that the average daily population (ADP) for Juvenile Corrections has remained at zero; the 9.4 ADP for Residential Care Centers is up slightly from last month and is over our budgeted ADP. Bill Topel said to address the cause of this increase we are considering contracting for “coaches” that would help juveniles in one-on-one situations where they’re not doing well at home. Also, we are proposing converting the job title and job description of three positions on the table of organization from Child Welfare to Behavioral Health because of the needs of the families in that area. This will be included in the 2014 Budget and won’t change the overall dollar figure. This change should move the trend downward for the number of juveniles in correctional facilities. Leo Podoski said we have one juvenile that has been in a residential care facility for five years, and the plan is to have him work with Long Term Support services in facilitating the next placement for him as an adult. He said the Group Home and Residential Care Center placements have been on the rise since January, while the Corrections and Foster Care numbers have been going down. A few of the juveniles in Residential Care Centers would have historically ended up in Corrections, but we’ve made a concerted effort to provide more services to them instead of moving them. Leo said the average monthly stay for juveniles in Group Homes is 11 months. We have several things we are working on with the juveniles that don’t allow them to move through quicker to open up spaces for others. Some of the reasons for placement are cyclical. Leo said it’s a balancing act to provide more meaningful services; to move services; or create services. He said we work collaboratively with our therapy team.

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Ellen said the ADP for Specialty Hospitals for the Behavioral Health & Long Term Support divisions for adults is up from 5.2 in July to 5.4 in August; for individuals under age 22 the ADP is 1.7 which is just slightly over the budgeted number of 1.3; Secure Detention's ADP is 7.3 which is a continuing trend; and the ADP for Foster Care is 94.3 for this year which is below the ADP of 105.4 for last year at the same time.

AGENDA ITEM #4: FINANCIAL REPORT

Ellen Shute said we are at \$667,555 for an unexpended tax levy of which \$326,026 is for labor expenses. There are slight deficits in the Administrative Services and Economic Support areas.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel informed the Board of a summit that is planned for November with the Secretary of the Department of Children & Families and a representative group of Human Service Directors to discuss issues of best practice, training needs, and similar topics. He also informed the Board of the WCHSA Fall Conference that will take place December 5 & 6. There will be a focus group meeting on December 5 before the conference begins on Friday, December 6.

AGENDA ITEM #6: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Norton reported that there will be a Transportation Summit on Tuesday, December 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Oshkosh. A focus group is currently doing surveys regarding transportation needs to the rural areas of the county. The results will be shared and discussed at the Summit.

Rob Paterson reported that Go Transit bus route #9 will be changed back to the way it was previous to the route changes—the bus will travel into the parking lot to pick up and drop off riders at Aurora and Mercy Medical Center.

Tom Widener said that a resolution was passed at the last WCHSA Executive Committee meeting regarding bringing 17 year olds back into the juvenile system—in effect saying unless the state gives us some money for this, we aren't interested. Tom said his position is that it should be the other way around—to tell them we are interested in doing it, but we need some money to do it. Tom also said that in a recent report by NAHSA (National Association of Human Service Administrators) it talked about human trafficking. He said it seems this topic will be getting a lot more attention from the federal level than we've seen in the past.

PROGRAM: Juvenile Sex Offender Program

Tom Matczynski is Human Service's Youth Mental Health supervisor. Jennifer Long is a therapist on the Intensive In-Home Team. She and Laura Motzel (case manager on the Intensive In-Home Team) work with youth who have committed sex offenses. The youth are involved in the Juvenile Sex Offender Program (JSO). Tom said the JSO program is a tri-county treatment program for male juvenile sex offenders for the counties of Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago. The group has contracted with a renowned therapist and sex offender researcher who has been training them. The program is set up for any male juvenile, 12 years or older who are adjudicated through the court system and placed on a formal court order or a deferred prosecution agreement for committing a sexually related offense.

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Tom Matczynski said the program is rather intense and involves a 26-week group component which is done at the Partnership Community Health Center in collaboration with Calumet and Outagamie counties. They do a psycho-educational component where they go through the elements of sexual offending—the thought process; consent; coercion; internal and external motivation, etc. At the same time, they have three teams of two people that do family and individual therapy with the families. The average time they are involved with the family is 18-24 months. Tom said when a juvenile enters the program he does a staffing with his team to review the case, and then they use tools to do an assessment and measure recidivism risk. They also use these tools at six month intervals throughout the program to determine where the juvenile is at in terms of treatment. Not all of the children in the family go through all of the components of treatment—a determination is made through the assessment tools and through meeting with them. Tom said they try to work with the family in tact by developing safety plans. Sometimes it requires that we place a child or children with a relative until the family structure is changed for the child to be safely returned to the family. Tom said they've had 32 referrals to the program since its start-up in 2010. They modify the program for children who are younger than 12. Jennifer said family dynamics and social media have a huge impact on the behavior of these juveniles.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment at 4:00 p.m.; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, November 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lohry, Board Secretary/dd