

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2015

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Rm. 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczowski, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock and Tom Widener

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl and Larry Lautenschlager

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Mary Krueger, Leo Podoski and Dorothy De Grace

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Gieryn, Public Health

Jim Koziczowski 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 FEBRUARY 2, 2015 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Harold Singstock and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2015 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tom Widener moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Ellen Shute reported that the average daily population (ADP) for Juvenile Corrections through December was 4.2 and for January it was 1.3—Leo Podoski said they had placed two youth in mental health institutions for several months, which still shows as corrections; the ADP for Residential Care Centers ended the year at 7.5 and for January it was 5.0; Specialty Hospitals for adults had an ADP of 4.8 through December and 5.4 for January; Specialty Hospitals for the population under age 22 was .9 through December and 1.9 for January; the ADP for Secure Detention through December was 5.7 and 3.0 for January of this year; and Foster Care's ADP through December was 116.6 and for January it was 116.

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AGENDA ITEM #5: 2014 BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST (TRAVEL CATEGORY)

Ellen Shute said we need to complete a budget transfer of \$1,546 from operating expenses to travel expenses for 2014. Donna Lohry moved for approval of this budget transfer; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6: FINAL UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Ellen Shute said we will be completing the 2014 Financial Report for auditing. The final pre-audit figure of \$1,332,926 will go back to the General Fund as required. Of that amount, \$649,883 is unexpended in the labor account for Child Welfare and Behavioral Health, and \$456,937 is for unanticipated revenues.

AGENDA ITEM #7: UPDATE ON ROUTE 10

Bill Topel said the city of Oshkosh has done extensive research regarding the Route 10 bus situation. Mary Krueger said the city came up with its best configuration to accomplish all of the goals of the interested parties. Route 10 is the inter-city bus operated by Go Transit that provides transportation between Oshkosh and Neenah. There are nine trips per day on Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday there are eight trips. A ridership summary shows a significant decline in ridership following some major changes in some routes in April 2013. They found that Saturday ridership showed an increase over the Monday through Friday ridership. Their observation showed higher ridership on some trips over others. They found there wasn't a good connection at the Neenah transfer point. After talking with many riders, they are now looking at making some changes. The first phase would be keeping the Monday through Saturday service leaving from the Oshkosh Transit Center; going through the UW campus onto Jackson Street; stopping at Fair Acres; going past the jail to Winneconne and going to the transit center. On the way back they would take the same route, but include stopping at the Salvation Army building on High Avenue. They would reduce the 9 trips to 8 trips Monday through Friday; and from 8 trips to 6 trips on Saturday. They would be able to make about 50% of the trips become good connections with Valley Transit in Neenah. They will continue exploring other options, such as making the return trip to Oshkosh via County A or the west side of Hwy. 41. Mary said Go Transit will look at meshing the routes with rural transportation. Bill Topel said Go Transit is trying to work with us to solve transportation issues that we presented to them over the last couple of years.

AGENDA ITEM #8: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel informed the Board of the following: 1) we hired an advanced practice nurse prescriber who will start full-time in June for the Behavioral Health Division; 2) a full-time psychiatrist is retiring; 3) a full-time psychiatrist will replace her starting in April and will work with both kids and adults; and 4) Bill is scheduling visits with representatives and senators for the Human Service Day at the Capitol on April 8.

AGENDA ITEM #9: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no reports.

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PROGRAM: Child Foster Care

Leo Podoski provided information about the Child Foster Care program. He said children who can't safely be kept in their own home for a variety of reasons, such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse or neglect are placed in foster care via court order through a temporary physical custody or dispositional order. This is reviewed every six months. The payment to foster parents is based on the age and needs of the child. The base payment is \$384 per month for children aged 0-4 years, and up to \$499 per month for children aged 15-18. The monthly amount can go up to \$2,000 if a child has special needs determined by an assessment tool. Federal, state, and county tax levy dollars all contribute to the cost of our placements. Leo said the Kinship Care program pays relatives to care for children, and those homes now must be licensed as foster homes to continue a payment to that relative care provider. We are required to keep siblings together in one foster home when possible. The child's social worker is required to visit the foster home minimally once per month. Social workers see our child clients more often as visits occur in the schools and with families.

With no further business Jerry Finch moved for adjournment; seconded by Mike Norton and carried at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, April 6, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Norton, Board Secretary/dd