

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

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Donna Lohry

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Tom Saari, Leo Podoski, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, Gina Vanden Branden and Dorothy De Grace

Jim Koziczkowski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the intent of considering any additional testimony for the Public Hearing.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing concluded at approximately 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: REVIEW, DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND 2016 HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

Ron Kuehl moved to bring the 2016 proposed Budget to the floor for review, discussion and recommendation; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager and carried (8-0).

Bill Topel explained that the state requires us to make modifications to our programs frequently throughout the year, which sometimes involves moving money around to different programs. Oftentimes we get unanticipated money from the state that shows up at the end of the year. The 2016 Budget is our best guess and guide in what we need to spend for next year. There aren't a lot of changes in this budget compared to last year's.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:

Ellen Shute explained that we are asking for two (2) new replacement vehicles, which would give us a total of eleven agency vehicles. She pointed out that there will be a change in the type of professional liability insurance to replace the phasing out of a statewide local government property insurance fund that was used for many years by this county and other municipalities. We have \$154,000 in our 2016 Budget for this item, but the final amount will be close to \$20,000 more. We will determine if we have the difference in other line items of the budget. The Labor Account dollars for each county department will be put into a separate account until the County Board determines the schedule for pay increases, at which time each department's Labor Account will be made whole again.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION:

Tom Saari explained that there is a proposed .3% levy increase to the Behavioral Health Division in the 2016 Budget. Under the Labor category, we are requesting three (3) positions for 2016: two (2) part-time Peer Support Specialists; one (1) full-time Therapist; and a Crisis Worker for short-term Case Management to replace a Community Support Program Professional who retired. Some of the costs of these positions will be funded by the state.

CHILD WELFARE DIVISION:

Leo Podoski explained that Youth Aids revenue allocations from the state have decreased by \$84,134. He didn't include any new positions in the 2016 Budget, but one of the supervisors will now be responsible for the home consultant group which leaves vacant the Child Protective Service supervisor position. Under the Labor category, the increase in overtime cost is based on past history and staff working extra hours to cover for staff leaving or going on medical leave.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION:

Ann Kriegel said the Economic Support Division is expected to remain status quo. Caseloads are starting to stabilize after the increase with the Affordable Care Act and changes in Badger Care. We will be contracting with Child Care Resource & Referral for child care certification instead of our staff doing the certifications. The contract amount of \$15,437 is the child care certification allotment from the state. Ann explained that the FSET (Food Share Employment & Training) line item is added back in as revenue for 2016 because of the mandatory work requirement for individuals who receive food share and are not yet 50 years old; not pregnant; or not disabled.

LONG TERM SUPPORT DIVISION:

Mary Krueger explained that Long Term Support shows an increase in revenue of \$379,872 for Children's Waiver services. We can apply for both state and federal dollars for these services. In the Labor area we are recommending changing one of the full-time Disability Benefit Specialist positions into two part-time positions. There is money in the LTS budget for implementing some of the recommendations of the Specialized Transportation Committee, especially related to rural transportation.

Following completion of the Budget presentation, Tom Widener moved to approve the proposed 2016 Budget as presented; seconded by Harold Singstock.

Ron Kuehl moved for an amendment to increase the Friendship Place amount by \$20,000 for a total of \$40,000; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager.

Discussion followed regarding the disbursement of these funds. Ron Kuehl recommended that \$30,000 should go to the Oshkosh Friendship Place because of their need to expand hours and service and \$10,000 should go to Neenah. Tom Widener said he would support giving the same amount (\$20,000) to each location.

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Jim Koziczkowski suggested that we give the total amount of \$40,000 to the Friendship Place program to be dispersed by them, but emphasize that we'd like to see expanded hours and service at the Oshkosh location.

Following Jim's suggestion, the vote for the original amendment by Ron Kuehl to increase the Friendship Place amount by \$20,000 and seconded by Larry Lautenschlager carried unanimously (7-0).

With no other amendments to the 2016 Budget, the final vote for approval of the amended Budget was unanimous (7-0). (Jerry Finch not present for the vote).

With no further business, Mike Norton moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager and carried unanimously. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be Monday, August 3, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Oshkosh Human Service Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Norton, Human Services Board Secretary

Recorded by: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary, Department of Human Services