

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

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Rm. 008

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

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ann Kriegel, and Dorothy De Grace

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 AUGUST 3, 2015 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Jerry Finch moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2015 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING

Ron Kuehl moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel reported on the information given on the statistical chart for inpatient and institutional placements. Child Welfare Division—Juvenile Corrections shows that the average daily population (ADP) through July was 2.3, which is typical; for Child Residential Care Centers the ADP was 5.3 and below the budgeted 8; for Behavioral Health & LTS Division—Specialty Hospitals for adults the ADP was 6.0; Specialty Hospitals for individuals under 22 years of age shows an ADP of .9 (this has a low financial impact on our budget); Secure Detention's ADP was 5.6 through July—we are recovering from the turnover at Shelter Care near the end of the school year and an increase in referrals to secure detention; the ADP for Foster Care for children was 116.7 and above budget, which is good since we try to place children in foster care instead of institutional placements as much as possible.

AGENDA ITEM #5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Topel said we currently show a \$648,551 surplus in our budget and anticipate it will be approximately \$500,000 at the end of the year.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel reported on the following: 1) at the recent WCHSA meeting it was noted that funding for Income Maintenance will be held to a zero increase, but this shouldn't affect our budget for next year; 2) at the recent budget meeting with the County Executive, Bill said he requested and received approval for a position to help with the Drug Courts, Volunteers in Probation and Teen Court for next year; 3) the bill for 17-year-olds to return to the Juvenile Justice system is potentially going to be introduced this fall, but the concern is that counties would have to fund it; 4) Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Winnebago County Board members, and Mark Harris recently received an anonymous letter regarding concerns expressed by some employees about the performance evaluation system and merit pay increase.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Widener expressed that we should continue to work on the issue of safety of our employees.

Donna Lohry reported that she attended several of the recent Transportation Advocacy meetings.

Larry Lautenschlager reported on his attendance at the "Cycling without Age" presentation at Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh. Pilots of the new rickshaws will give rides to the residents.

Rob Paterson attended the recent Transportation Advocacy meeting.

PROGRAM: FOOD SHARE PROGRAM:

Ann Kriegel shared handouts about Wisconsin's Food Share program. She explained that a person's benefit amount is loaded onto a debit card to be used to purchase food, and a new amount is loaded onto the card each month a person remains eligible. An in-person or phone interview is required along with certain verifications to determine eligibility. Gross income limit is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Once determined eligible, most individuals need to complete an annual renewal of benefits. A six-month report needs to be completed, along with reporting any changes that might impact benefits. A change to the program in April of this year dictates that an able-bodied adult between the ages of 18-49 without dependents must meet a work requirement to continue receiving Food Share benefits. In Winnebago County there are 8,900 Food Share program cases, or 18,321 individuals in the program.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be on **Monday, October 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Norton, Board Secretary/dd