

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 17, 2014

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Rm. 33

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerry Finch and Donna Lohry

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Tom Saari, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel 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 OCTOBER 6, 2014 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Larry Lautenschlager moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tom Widener moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Ron Kuehl and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel referred to the actual numbers for the Inpatient & Institutional Utilization graph and pointed out that in the Child Welfare Division, Juvenile Corrections there was an average daily population (ADP) of 5, which is slightly over budget; Residential Care Centers had an ADP of 6.7, which is a negligible increase from last month. In the Behavioral Health & Long Term Support Divisions for specialty hospitals for adults there was an ADP of 5.5, although the number fluctuated down for October and November; the ADP for children under age 22 in specialty hospitals was 2.1, but many of the costs are covered by medical assistance or health insurance. The ADP for Secure Detention was 5.6 which is below the budgeted average. Child Foster Care's ADP was 121.3 compared to 94.7 from last year, which is a good trend since foster care is a less expensive placement for children.

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AGENDA ITEM #5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Topel said we are projecting a surplus over \$1 million at the end of the year. This is due to unanticipated revenues, which includes reimbursements for inpatient hospitalizations. Some of the reimbursements could be for program expenses up to two years ago. Labor accounts for \$469,182 of the total surplus.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel informed the Board of the following: 1) the fall WCHSA Conference will be held on December 12; 2) Board members are invited to the Human Services annual Holiday Luncheon on December 10 at the Expo Center starting at 11:00 a.m.; 3) the WCHSA Executive Committee will be hiring an executive director; 4) he recently attended a summit sponsored by the Department of Children & Family Services where they discussed the topic of retaining social workers in their jobs—social workers have dropped out in their first year of employment at a rate of 20%-40%; at the end of the 2nd year they drop out at a rate of 80%; 5) he attended a meeting as a WCHSA representative where the discussion was on finding alternatives for kids going into hospitalization, specifically Winnebago Mental Health Institute. One of the recommendations to the Department of Health Services is the idea of having a less-intensive residential crisis diversion center for 4-8 kids potentially; 6) funding from the state will remain the same as this year (we based our budget on that number); 7) a state legislator started an initiative to come up with new ways of addressing opiate addiction in newborns of mothers that are addicted. WCHSA will partner with any legislation going forward on this.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Widener reported that Outagamie County has set up a trial program where 17-year-old offenders are voluntarily diverted back into the juvenile system using guidelines that were in the state resolution. They are keeping these cases in abeyance, provided the juveniles successfully proceed through the program. Bill Topel said a WCHSA steering committee is putting together all of the variables to be considered in arriving at the actual cost of bringing the youth back into the juvenile system.

Ron Kuehl reported on the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group that is offered through the UW Extension office. He recognized Chris Kniep, Joyce Helz and others for their exceptional service and support to the families.

Rob Paterson reported that the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program recently distributed an annual survey to the participants of the program. Rob said he recently took part in distributing surveys for the Transportation Advocacy group.

PROGRAM: AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Ann Kriegel said open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace started November 15. If it is determined that individuals applying through the Marketplace are eligible for Badger Care, their applications are given to Economic Support to process. We have hired three (3) limited term employees to assist with applications. They have been doing some outreach and setting up appointments.

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Ann Kriegel said the Marketplace website is functioning. A forum was recently held which about 80 people attended. The community seems to be aware that there are consequences if they remain uninsured. We have a list of insurance brokers who will help people in choosing a plan if needed. People need to be signed up and their first premium paid by December 15 in order for coverage to start on January 1. Open enrollment closes February 15. There are four different levels of coverage—bronze, silver, gold and platinum. If a person qualifies for a subsidy, he must choose a plan in the “silver” level.

With no further business Rob Paterson moved for adjournment; seconded by Larry Laugenschlager and carried at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, December 1, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Norton, Board Secretary/dd