

WINNEBAGO COUNTY W-2 STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kniep, Melissa Kohn, Sue Panek, Hugh Sloan, Mark Stockli, and Margaret Winn

STAFF PRESENT: Ann Kriegel, Debby Blankenship, and Dorothy De Grace

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Welcome and Introductions:

Hugh Sloan called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

B. Adoption/Additions to the Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

C. Approval of Minutes of the January 11, 2012 Meeting:

Mark Stockli moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Sue Panek and carried.

II. REPORTS:

A. Staffing Updates – Ann Kriegel said two employees recently resigned, and we will only replace one until we know more about staffing needs for next year.

B. W-2 & FSET Program for 2012

1. Program Changes/Updates – Ann said the Department of Children & Families put out a request for proposal to operate the W-2 program for designated regions of the state. The state claimed that some agencies hadn't been operating the program efficiently in the past. Ann said Winnebago County did not submit a bid, nor did the Kaiser Group because it would be too difficult to sustain. If the state awards a contract based on a bid, our W-2 staff will not be part of W-2 next year; although we would still have cases for Food Share and Medicaid. Ann said counties have contacted Legislators to consider stopping the bidding process for at least a year to allow time to bring more people together to prepare a proposal. The new guidelines will require that there be a capitated rate for each person served.

2. Funding & Data – Ann said the World Relief organization moved back into town, and they estimate 100 people will need our services. So far we have 23 refugee cash assistance cases, which consist of single adults who can collect a cash payment and Medicaid for the first eight months they reside in this country. We already have some of the families on the W-2 program.

Ann distributed W-2 stats for 2012 showing the number of people served in each category through June.

- C. Performance Standards – Debby Blankenship distributed copies of the performance standards summary. The summary indicates that we have either exceeded expectations or performed satisfactorily in all areas.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Income Maintenance Consortium: Ann Kriegel said the Call Center answers about 1,000 calls each day for the 10-county Consortium. We are able to assist the caller nearly 92% or 94% of the time with any inquiry or report of change that they give us for their case.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Report on Governor's Jobs Employment Council: Melissa Kohn said the Council has a chairperson and other members, including legislative and state agency cabinet leaders; superintendent of public instruction; leaders of the Wisconsin Technical College system and UW system; private independent colleges and universities; a representative of Native American Tribes; and other representatives of business and industry. Melissa said a list of assigned tasks for the Council includes reducing dropout and remediation rates, as well as income and racial achievement gaps therein; increasing the number of degrees and certificates awarded by educational institutions; designing shorter, less-costly degree programs aimed at filling high-need positions; encouraging students to pursue trades and professions in high demand; easing transitions between systems and institutions; and expanding dual enrollment and dual credit opportunities to elementary and secondary students statewide. The Council must issue a strategic plan to the Governor by December 31 detailing its progress towards these tasks.
- B. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Workforce Development Center located at 315 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh.

Recorded by: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary
Winnebago County Human Services Department