

WINNEBAGO COUNTY W-2 STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Kniep, Melissa Kohn, Sue Panek, Hugh Sloan, Mark Stockli, Mark Westphal, Mary Jo Widener, Margaret Winn, and Erin Youngbauer

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Welcome and Introductions:

Mark Westphal called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m.

B. Adoption/Additions to the Agenda:

With no additions to the agenda, Hugh Sloan moved for adoption; seconded by Mary Jo Widener and carried.

C. Approval of Minutes of the July 13, 2011 Meeting:

Hugh Sloan moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mark Stockli and carried.

II. REPORTS:

A. Staffing Updates – Ann Kriegel said we have the same amount of staff that we had in 2011, but we moved them to different positions because of the new 10-county consortium. Our Child Care staff went from 3.5 to 3 positions. One person now does both the certifications and authorizations.

B. W-2 & FSET Program for 2012

1. Program Changes/Updates – Ann said payments for the W-2 program have been decreased by \$20 per month. The grant for the caretaker of a minor child is up to 8 weeks instead of previously being 12 weeks. Debby Blankenship said the state reinstated the 24 month time limit for a W-2 placement. They reinstated a new “case management only” W-2 category.

2. Funding & Data – Ann said we will be receiving about 75% of the W-2 funding that was earmarked to be given to us for 2013. The total number of W-2 caseloads declined over the last couple of months.

C. Performance Standards – Debby Blankenship referred to a 2011 W-2 Performance Monitoring Report that was prepared by Kaiser Group for Winnebago County. It shows that we’ve made improvements in the educational attainment area, and one client was able to complete jobs skills training. Ann said Kaiser Group has been successful with job development in the community. Debby referred to a 2011 year-to-date W-2 Performance Standards Summary for all counties. The graph shows that we were above the required standard in all categories.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Income Maintenance Consortium: Ann Kriegel said with the new state budget Income Maintenance agencies across the state had to form no more than 10 consortia to administer the Food Share, BadgerCare, and Medicaid programs. In the consortium, a call change center is in operation for clients to call in questions or report changes for their case. Winnebago County joined with the counties of Calumet, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Waupaca and Waushara to become the East Central Income Maintenance Partnership, which began operating on January 3. Staff has the new call center software on their computer, and they have been assigned two or three call center shifts of 4 hrs. 15 min. each week. Staff can make changes for a W-2 case, or they can refer a caller to the W-2 worker if a new application or review is needed. If any paperwork is dropped off at the agency it is scanned and faxed to Madison. The phone number for the Call Center is 1-888-256-4563.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ann Kriegel will be attending a W-2 Coalition meeting next week. She will ask about the operations of other W-2 Steering Committees and report back to this committee.
- B. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 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