

WINNEBAGO COUNTY W-2 STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2012

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: 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:

Mark Stockli moved to accept the agenda as written; seconded by Mary Jo Widener and carried.

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

Hugh Sloan moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Sue Panek and carried.

II. REPORTS:

A. Staffing Updates – Ann Kriegel said that the county will no longer operate the W-2 program starting in January since we did not bid on the operation of the program. The state will contract it out to Forward Services Group. We will be able to retain all of the staff that currently handles the W-2 program. They will assist with the eligibility for the other Economic Support programs and also the Food Share Employment & Training (FSET) program, which we will take over from the Kaiser Group in January. Ann said she will supervise the W-2 staff who will move from the Workforce Development Center to the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

B. W-2 & FSET Program for 2012-2013

1. Program Changes/Updates – This was combined with the previous agenda item.

2. Funding & Data – Ann said that as of the end of August there were 296 cases enrolled in the W-2 program—37 were receiving case management only, and the remaining cases were being paid for job placements. There were an additional 32 cases enrolled for refugee cash assistance, which they receive for eight months if they are single or are married adults with no minor children; refugee families with minor children are placed in the W-2 program.

- C. Performance Standards – Debby Blankenship distributed copies of the W-2 Performance Standards Summary for the 2012 year-to-date balance. The summary indicates our educational attainment rate went down, but bringing the percentage back up might just involve getting some test scores of individuals that are in the education program. Our customer satisfaction rate remains in the satisfactory category.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Income Maintenance Consortium: Ann Kriegel said the Income Maintenance Consortium is going well. There has been an increase in phone calls since the beginning of September, which brings the number of calls to over 1,000 per day for the 10-county consortium. The majority of the calls are regarding family cases vs. elderly, blind and disabled cases.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Comments: Ann Kriegel said this will be the last meeting of the W-2 Steering Committee. She thanked the members for their years of service.
- B. Adjournment: With no further business, Sue Panek moved for adjournment; seconded by Mark Stockli and carried at 3:40 p.m.

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