

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, February 4, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services, Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Koziczkowski, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Judy Wright

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Larry Lautenschlager, Jerry Finch, Karen Powers

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Beth Roberts, Annette Beattie, Renee Soroko, Debby Blankenship, Elizabeth Wagner and Pam Bartelt

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Hein, Valley Packaging Birth-to-3 Program

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 JANUARY 7, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Judy Wright and carried unanimously. (5-0)

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2019 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Donna Lohry moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Harold Singstock and carried unanimously. (5-0)

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel reviewed the placement statistics showing that Child Welfare (CW) Division – Juvenile Corrections remains at 0.0 Actual Daily Populations (ADP). Residential Care Centers are at 0.9 ADP. Behavioral Health (BH) Specialty Hospitals for adults showed 1.4 ADP with the youth being at 0.3 ADP. Secure Detention is at 3.6 ADP. Foster Care is at 87.9 ADP.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mary Fredrickson shared that the final 2018 financial report will be available in April. At this time we are still showing \$1 to \$1.5 million under budget which is due to Bill's previous report showing fewer placements.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill noted that County Ambassador Program (CAP) Day at the Capitol took place January 16, 2019. There were four main focus points including Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) - which are alternative facilities such as Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake; a \$30 million request for additional funding for CW services; enhanced 911 which is digital and some counties will need funding for upgrades; upgrade of allowed attorney fees when public defenders are not able to represent clients and private attorneys need to be hired. The group met with legislators. Bill asked for consideration of a good faith clause for the 980 sex offender law for counties that seriously attempted to find placement in order for those counties to avoid fines. Counties that operated in good faith, by doing their mapping and meeting with vendors, however were still not able to come up with a property, would not be fined. Another topic of discussion was about state prison reform and getting people out of state prison sooner which may mean they would need to go to the county jail. If a person violates their parole, they go to county jail until trial date. These changes would result in increasing county jail needs.

Human Services Day at the Capitol will take place April 2, 2019. Bill will be taking a van down for those interested.

Bill thanked Mike Norton for providing the NACo information and articles regarding early childhood education. Our staff is in a very good position to advocate for early childhood education opportunities in the community. Beth Roberts, LTS Division Manager, shared that there are several efforts going on involving many community groups looking at the readiness of children being able to learn. Another effort regarding truancy and school attendance which are community issues. Elizabeth Wagner, Family Support Team Supervisor, addressed a program "State of the Child" that looks at the data that is gathered and uses as a tool to determine where our county is at. We were able to get a grant through the Community Area Foundation to help understand what some of the barriers are to why children are not ready to learn when they enter the school system. Annette Beattie, CW Division Manager, stated that this is a priority for them to help the children get what services they need in order to get their education. Debby Blankenship, Economic Support Supervisor, shared the state childcare assistance program which has made updates as of November 1, 2018 to have things be more consistent for families. There are steps being taken to keep authorizations in place longer. There was a rate increase for newborns to two year olds with another increase in January, 2019 for most ages. Changes were also made for children to attend a five star system for daycare providers.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Donna Lohry shared her concern regarding inoculations and the parents' choice of options.

Harold Singstock voiced a concern in regards to the solution of the Lincoln Hills issue as not being resolved, just working around it.

Mike Norton asked that the March Human Services Board meeting be changed due to a conflict with other meetings. Confirmation will be sent to the committee. In regards to CAP Day at the Capitol, follow up with legislators needs to take place on the budgetary issues addressed once changes are made.

PROGRAM: BIRTH TO 3 PROGRAM AND SERVICE DELIVERY CHANGES

Bill introduced Elizabeth Wagner and Wendy Hein, Valley Packaging Birth-to-3 Program Director. Elizabeth mentioned that the transition in 2018 to Valley Packaging as our new Birth-to-3 provider went very smoothly having very little impact on families, who were able to continue with their current contacts. Several handouts were shared with the group. Wendy Hein shared information about herself and that she is passionate about a community embracing families around young children. She is the co-chair of the Fox Valley Early Childhood Coalition involving Calumet, Winnebago and Outagamie counties; works with State of the Child group in

Winnebago County for early identification of developmental delays; involved in the Community Health Action Team through Theda Care in developing a database to look at measurements and indicators for the early childhood ages. They do a lot of work around the social/emotional development and Trauma Informed Care. The focus is to support families to best suit their needs. Once eligibility is determined, a plan for services is created for that child and family. Providing education for families is very important. Most meetings take place in the family home or daycare setting. There were 438 referrals received in 2017 with 454 referrals in 2018. A total of 688 children were served in 2018. Winnebago County had 45% with Outagamie County having 55% of the cases.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; this was seconded by Donna Lohry and carried at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Oshkosh Human Services Building in Room 33.**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb