

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, February 6, 2017

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building Room 008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Dillon, Larry Lautenschlager, Mike Norton, Karen Powers, Harold Singstock, and Judy Wright

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerry Finch, Jim Kozickowski and Donna Lohry

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Leo Podoski, Beth Culp and Pam Bartelt

OTHERS PRESENT: Gordon Hintz, (54th Assembly District), Amanda Stuck (57th Assembly District), Mike Rohrkaste (55th Assembly District), Mike Schraa (53rd Assembly District), Bill Kloiber (District Director, Senator Roger Roth 19th District)

Larry Lautenschlager 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 4, 2017 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Harold Singstock moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Dillon and carried (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2016 CHILDREN'S COP PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE JANUARY 9, 2017 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Harold Singstock moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Mike Dillon and carried (5-0). Mike Dillon abstained. Judy Wright arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Larry Lautenschlager moved the program to be next on the agenda.

PROGRAM: DISCUSSION WITH AREA LEGISLATORS ON HUMAN SERVICE ISSUES

Bill Topel shared an overview of our Dept of Human Services agency and the divisions included as well as the functions provided by our DHS Board. He explained that we were interested in sharing topics with the legislators that are of importance to our agency.

First topic addressed was that counties passed resolutions requesting a significant increase in Child Welfare funding for the purpose of doing investigations and providing services in order to get families reunited quickly. There has been no increase in community aids formula funding since 1995. Additional funding is needed to meet the increased need for services in the community.

Another topic of concern is the block-granting of Medicaid. It is unknown how this will affect us, however 20-30% of our budget is Medicaid revenue that we bill for.

The return of the 17 year olds to the juvenile justice system and returning them to counties for supervision was discussed. We are in favor of it but need to come up with some sort of funding to start with and create mechanisms to determine actual cost for moving forward.

Regarding Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake School dilemma: Winnebago County clients (3) have not had any issues directly but have concerns for fellow inmates. Discussed having better training for counselors in regards to working with youth in more of non-prison conditions, verbal de-escalation, and more treatment staff. In the past there were approximately 250 youth in the facility and now at about 130. Most counties are trying to divert youth from going to long term correction facilities. Milwaukee County system want to have an alternative regional facility with more of a focus on rehabilitation, behavior health, school to work. Few years back: \$250/day, 9-12 months average stay. Currently \$330/ day. Future looking at \$500/day. Governor mainly looking at fix for this facility vs new model. Suggestion made for study group to research what might be possible for a regional model. Counties of Racine, Rock, Brown, FDL and La Crosse have 6 month – 1 year secure detention locally and judges can use that as an option. Resolution is being presented to the County Board to allow judges to choose an alternative for youths.

Special session coming up in March for drug problem in the state.

Special interest work with Dementia Care provides resources for families that provide care for their family members with dementia and keeping their families together. Discussed the shortage of in-home care, CNA's and assisted living arrangements that are qualified to provide care for dementia patients.

Human Services cannot continue to service our population with 0% increase. We are looking for possible ways to keep moving forward and providing services needed in the community.

Karen Powers shared that the Food Share program does not allow the purchase of herbs and spices because they do not have a nutrition label on it (due to size of container). This was not intent of USDA and Food Nutrition Service.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel shared that both reports would be available next month.

AGENDA ITEM #5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill shared that the 2016 final report may not be available for approximately two more months. It is estimated we may have close to \$2,000,000 surplus. The compensation study shows we will need to catch up with salaries of those positions that were not up to their starting wage while also looking for an amount of money to be available for performance based wage increases of 1.7%. Mark Harris will be making an announcement at an upcoming department head meeting what departments will need to look at regarding the 2018 budget. Staff are getting their necessary trainings and education.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Human Services Day at the Capital on April 5, 2017 in Madison for those interested in going. (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Times will be set to meet with legislators.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Norton requested an employee vacancy report. Bill will provide a verbal report monthly.

Mike Dillon commented on the importance of cost effectiveness and doing a cost study.

Harold Singstock confirmed his agreement with holding all departments accountable for finances. If one department shall be held to 0% increase, should other department be held to similar standards?

Mike Norton would like to address changing the date of the September meeting due to conflict with the ADRC Conference. This will be on agenda for March.

Mike Norton shared an update from the NACo Health Steering committee and mentioned the NACo Legislative Exchange to be held in Washington, D.C.

Karen Powers shared that she will be promoting the issue of Food Share being used to purchase spices.

Mike Norton mentioned the WCHSA Conference that takes place May 3-5, 2017 in Elkhart Lake.

With no further business Mike Dillon moved for adjournment; seconded by Mike Norton and carried at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Richard Meyer Community Resource Room.**