

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

Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 6, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services, Room 33

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerry Finch, Larry Lautenschlager

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Beth Roberts, Ann Kriegel, Joan Jaworski and Pam Bartelt

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy Draws, Public Health Department

Jim Koziczkowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Jim announced that the program would be moved up to follow agenda item #3. Also, item #7 will be rescheduled for next month's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Donna Lohry moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously. (6-0)

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2019 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 11, 2018 CHILDREN'S COP MEETING

Mike Norton moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Donna Lohry. Karen Powers noted that the minutes of the Children's COP Meeting need to be recorded listing the person first as "...parent of a child with Downs syndrome...". With this noted, the minutes were accepted unanimously. (6-0)

The program was moved to the next agenda item.

PROGRAM: ELDER BENEFIT SPECIALIST

Beth Roberts introduced Joan Jaworski, Elder Benefit Specialist with Winnebago County ADRC. Beth explained we have four benefit specialists: two work with persons over the age of 60, and two with persons under age 60. Elder Benefit Specialists are funded through the Older Americans Act; Disability Benefit Specialists are funded through the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Joan shared that they receive program supervision from Greater Wisconsin Area on Aging Resources (GWAAR) which includes updates and trainings on all the programs they work with. All the customer information that the specialists work with is confidential and protected. Individuals who are interested in getting information on the programs must contact the ADRC; a neighbor or friend cannot ask that we initiate contact with an individual.

Medicare can be received once a person turns 65 years of age or have been disabled for two years. The specialist will meet with individuals to go through the various Medicare plans, supplements, and differences between the plans as well as costs involved and what will work best for that consumer. The specialist is able to educate the consumer but is not able to tell them what plan they should choose. October 15th through December 7th is open enrollment for anyone that is in a Medicare I or drug plan. During this time, individuals can choose to continue on their current plan or they can do an evaluation to see if there is something to better meet their needs. Wisconsin also has Senior Care as drug coverage which is an income based program. In Wisconsin, every county has at least one Elder Benefit Specialist. Not all states have this. Medicare appeals are also something that benefit specialists assist with. The two Elder Benefit Specialists each offer two ‘Welcome to Medicare’ presentations each year for the public that are typically held at the Senior Centers. A Social Security Administration representative participates in the meetings as well.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel stated that placement statistics showed that Child Welfare (CW) Division – Juvenile Corrections remains at 0.0 Actual Daily Populations (ADP). Residential Care Centers are at 1.0 ADP. Behavioral Health (BH) - Specialty Hospitals for adults is at 2.5 ADP with the youth being at 1.7 ADP. Secure Detention is at 3.6 ADP. Foster Care is at 85.5 ADP. Winnebago County has no ability to control or oversee all foster homes in the area. These are monitored by State Department of Child and Families.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mary Fredrickson mentioned that there should be a final report presented for 2018 at the April meeting. We continue to show \$1.6 – 1.7 million below budget and this is mainly due to the placements mentioned in the statistical inpatient & institutional report. Detailed items for 2018 will be listed in the budget book.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Bill Topel shared that Mike Norton had asked us to look at a resolution from NACo to make Early Childhood Education a priority. This is continuing to be looked at and the resolution will be brought back to this meeting next month. These topics are also in our Birth-to-3 mission. Discussion was had on

Family First Proposal (Family First Preservation Services Act – FFPSA) and what affect this would have on Winnebago County Human Services. The essential parts of it has a lot to do with Title 4E funding through the state for Child Welfare related activities. Legislation was to promote and encourage children to be kept in their homes with services.

Bill mentioned that he is on the committee for the WCHSA Spring Conference May 1-3, 2019 at Elkhart Lake. There will be three keynote speakers with a breakout session for board members for brainstorming on strategies WCHSA could employ to connect with board members.

Bill reviewed some of the items that were proposed in the governor’s budget. A new board member has been presented for approval by the county board.

AGENDA ITEM #7: RESOLUTION UPDATE AND ACTION IF NECESSARY

This item was removed and will be addressed at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8: HUMAN SERVICES DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Human Services Day at the Capitol will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Bill will be taking a van down to Madison for any board members interested in attending. Bill will try to schedule one meeting with our Democratic representatives together and another with the Republican representatives together.

AGENDA ITEM #9: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Norton mentioned that he attended the Legislative Exchange. Bill shared that Jerry Milner will be at the WCHSA meeting in May to address Children, Youth and Families. There was discussion on the sexual offender legislation and placements of offenders. Mike also suggested promoting the importance of the child protection crisis to representatives in Washington.

Donna Lohry stated that she understands that ‘Esther’, an interfaith social justice organization, plans to focus on individuals leaving our jail. She is interested in learning more about that effort and will be participating in the meetings to learn more.

Harold Singstock attended a facilities meeting where the sexual offender concern was addressed.

WCHSA Eastern Region Board Member Group will be meeting on April 12, 2019 at Fox Valley Tech of Appleton at 10:00 a.m. with more information being sent out soon.

3rd Annual Winnebago County ADRC Wheelchair Wash will be taking place Saturday, June 22, 2019 at J & R Auto Service, 629 N Main Street, Oshkosh from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Karen Powers and carried at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, April 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Neenah Human Services Building in Room 008.**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb