

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

Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Lautenschlager, Jim Koziczowski, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Donna Lohry, Jerry Finch, Judy Wright, Karen Powers

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Conley-Kuhagen

OTHERS PRESENT: State Representatives Michael Schraa and Mike Rohrkaste

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

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 FEBRUARY 5, 2018 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Donna Lohry moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried. (8-0)

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2018 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jim Koziczowski moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Judy Wright and carried. (8-0)

The program was moved to the next item on the agenda.

PROGRAM: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL SCHRAA & MIKE ROHRKASTE

Bill Topel shared that he has been keeping the board updated on the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake facilities and Winnebago County does not currently have any placements in either facility. Michael Schraa shared that these will continue to be Type I facilities with 80% of placements coming from Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties. The governor had announced at the State of the State that he wanted to close down Lincoln Hills. A bi-partisan group gathered together, visited Lincoln Hills facility and using pieces of current legislation were able to create a new bill that was introduced by the committee and passed unanimously. Two committees were formed to begin working, along with the counties, as soon as the bill is signed. There will be 4-5 regional facilities depending on information that will be gathered.

Bill shared that Department of Children & Families is also interested in assisting in determining focus areas and what is needed for a youth facility. The 'Missouri Model' is a very successful facility that will be looked at in gathering best practices. Discussion was had on the importance of the facilities having adequate number of staff that are properly trained to work with these youth.

Larry Lautenschlager addressed the issue of mandated drug screening for any receiving public assistance and who would be paying for this. 50% of the cost will be covered by the federal government. There was a concern of how people would be identified as the questionnaire does not clearly identify criteria for a referral to a drug test.

Donna Lohry inquired as to where the methadone clinics fall in this situation and we were informed this would be considered a prescribed treatment plan.

Larry shared the concern of the work requirement being imposed on consumers that are not able to work more hours due to childcare. Would not want this to become a barrier for single parents. There are exclusions that can be applied.

Larry shared that Winnebago County is submitting an application for a Dementia Care Specialist. There is funding for 5 positions with 21 counties interested in them. Although the specialists can be shared within counties, the caseloads and time do not allow for this partnering. There are many resources that are available however there is a strong need for connecting these resources to the families in need.

Donna asked if the representatives have discussed the tragic event that recently occurred in a Florida high school and whether there are procedures in place for handling these events at schools and public places dealing with issues of mental health, weapons, etc. A special session is being set up to address this.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Child Welfare (CW) – Juvenile Corrections continues to be at 0 Actual Daily Population (ADP). Mary Salzer (CW) worked closely with judges to get a youth out of the facility which was in best interest of the youth. CW – Residential Care Centers remains low at 1.3 ADP. Behavior Health (BH) & Long Term Services (LTS) – Specialty Hospitals for adults are at 2.5 ADP with youth under 22 years being at 0.9 ADP which is going in the correct direction indicating the community programs are working well. Secure Detention is slightly up at 5.8 ADP. Foster Care is staying down at 85.2 ADP with less children being removed and for shorted time periods.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary Fredrickson reminded committee that the final numbers for the 2017 budget will be shared at the April meeting. From the expenditure side, we will end up very close to our budgeted amount, whereas we received more revenue, primarily from previous years, that we did not anticipate. This is the primary reason for our 2017 anticipated budget difference.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill shared that Carol Morack will be setting up a *Safe Streets* presentation for the County Board.

Our diversity policy is covered by our *Civil Rights Plan*, Human Resources Department.

WCHSA Eastern Region for Human Services Board Members that took place in February was a great meeting and turn out. The next meeting will be April 20, 2018 at FVTC and the agenda will be shared at the end of March.

WCHSA Spring Conference will be held May 15-17, 2018 at Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Registration is not open yet.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Donna Lohry referenced the shootings in Florida and asked that Bill check with our county departments in regards to our policy on following through on leads and what can be done to keep schools, etc. safe.

Mike Norton shared information from sessions he had attended at the NACo Conference he attended recently in Washington D.C.: TANF, Medicaid block granting, services for caretakers for veterans, Family First Act.

With no further business Donna Lohry moved for adjournment; seconded by Judy Wright and carried at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, April 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Oshkosh Human Services Building in Room 33.**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb