

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, April 1, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building Room 008

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerry Finch

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Beth Roberts, Ann Kriegel, Annette Beattie, Renee Soroko, Pam Weber, Corey Roth and Pam Bartelt

OTHERS PRESENT: Cindy Draws, Public Health Department; Steve Binder, County Board Member; Lyn Beyer and Marianne Radley, Reach Counseling Services; Chris Kniep

Jim Koziczkowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

Request for agenda to be amended moving part of Directors Report and the Program after agenda item #3. Karen Powers made a motion to accept this change; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Donna Lohry moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2019 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Larry Lautenschlager moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously (7-0).

Bill Topel introduced Child Welfare workers Pam Weber and Corey Roth to the committee explaining that March was *Social Worker Recognition Month* for the State. Six social workers from the state are nominated each year for 'Caring for Kids' award. Corey and Pam were nominated by their supervisors and were accepted. Award selection criteria included years of service and experience, adapting to new initiatives, advocacy, leadership and a proven record of ensuring the well-being of children and families. Pam and Corey were able to reunite a youth with his family after seven years of placements. Congratulations to Corey and Pam!

PROGRAM: REACH COUNSELING

Annette Beattie introduced Lyn Beyer- Executive Director and Marianne Radley- Advocacy Manager/Volunteer Coordinator from Reach Counseling as they shared information about their programs. Lyn informed us that they have four main programs: Counseling, Advocacy, Sex Offender Treatment and Prevention Education. One of the programs is a yearlong intensive treatment program for community based sex offenders that are already living in the community. Others include treatment groups at Oshkosh Correctional facility which are educational groups for first time offenders; non-offending partners group. The Prevention Education program in Winnebago County works with the schools pre-K through 12th grade and are in 71 schools in this county.

Judy Wright arrived at 3:25 p.m.

Marianne explained that she supervises five other advocates and 24 volunteer advocates. This team provides responses to victims. They serve Winnebago and Outagamie Counties by providing community based advocacy services. Medical, emotional and legal advocacy are some of the support areas they assist victims with. There are several advocacy groups some of which include: Native American Advocate, Native Women Talking Circles, Latino Advocate, Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Advocate, Trafficking Victim Advocate and Campus Victim Advocate.

Lyn identified the counseling program which included four full-time therapists, one part-time therapist and one case manager. Reach Counseling started out as the rape crisis center for Winnebago County 42 years ago. In the past 5-10 years focus has shifted to more specific forms of abuse and the trauma caused by this. All therapists are Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT) trained and continue with Evidence Based trainings. In 2018, Reach Counseling services were provided for 239 consumers with 163 being from Winnebago County.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Inpatient and institutional placement statistics continue to be very good.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary Fredrickson shared the unaudited 2018 Financial Report which showed 4% less spent on expenses than what was projected. Revenue showed a favorable amount due to unexpected revenue of \$629,859 more than projected. Overall being 9.5% under budget due to more community placements rather than institutional placements.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill mentioned that per Mark Harris, we should plan for 0% tax levy increase, except for salary and fringe increases and no new position. Human Services Day at the Capitol is April 2, 2019. Bill will be taking a van down leaving at 7:00 a.m. There will be a Republican legislator's group meeting in the morning and Democratic legislators meeting in the afternoon. An agreement was made to postpone the decision on the Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY's). There was a Legislative Committee Meeting with a discussion with Representative Schraa about changes to ACT 184; Assembly Bill 55 which is being circulated with changes.

Mike Norton requested clarification on licensing of foster homes in our county. State of Wisconsin allows certain child care agencies to be able to license their own foster homes and they are responsible for monitoring and overseeing those homes. Winnebago County is responsible for foster homes that we license.

AGENDA ITEM #7: RESOLUTION – PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM PRENATAL TO THREE. ACTION.

Mike Norton moved to accept the resolution to Promote Investments in Young Children and Families from Prenatal to Three; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager.

Bill shared that the resolution talks about the importance of early childhood development, education as well as healthy experiences that lead to positive outcomes later in life. This would look to prioritize and invest in prenatal-to-three efforts that promote a healthy start at birth and support families with infants and toddlers with high-quality care and learning environments and utilize the resources available through National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT).

Committee members voted and acceptance of this resolution was unanimous (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM #8: CHANGE TO THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR ACCESS SERVICES AND INITIAL ASSESMENT TEAM; SWITCH THE ‘CASE AIDE’ TO A ‘SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIST’ POSITION. DISCUSSION, ACTION.

Annette briefed the group on the change being requested to the Table of Organization. The state is encouraging counties to make this change. This would allow our agency to serve our families more efficiently.

Larry Lautenschlager moved to approve this change to the Table of Organization; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously (7-0).

AGENDA ITEM #9: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Norton would like to get updates on our connection with the school systems in regards to mental health. He would like to invite school representatives to a future meeting.

Larry Lautenschlager commented on WCHSA Steering Committee and discussion on WCA’s push for changes in Wisconsin Child Protective Services (CPS) and funding of this. There is another resolution out requesting an increase in funding and oversight reform for CPS and increase in the budget to cover a greater share of the out of home care costs, increased staffing levels based on the caseload standards developed by WSCHA.

The next WCHSA Eastern Region Board Member Group will meet Friday, 4/12/2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Karen Powers and carried at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, May 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