

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

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 18, 2020

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Kozickowski, Donna Lohry, Jerry Finch, Karen Powers, Chris Kniep

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Norton, Larry Lautenschlager, Judy Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Renee Soroko, Beth Roberts, Ann Kriegel, Annette Beattie, Janet Rohloff and Pam Bartelt

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Wheeler, Friendship Place; Kate Pfaendtner, Citizen; K. Barnes, Addiction Medical Solutions (AMS)

Jim Kozickowski, chair of the Department of Human Services Board, opened the hearing at 8:30 a.m. Jim explained that the intent of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on programs funded by the Department of Human Services for residents of Winnebago County who are affected by developmental disabilities, chemical dependency or mental illness, and on the financial and social service programs available through the Department. Jim reviewed the guidelines for the hearing.

The following information is testimony given:

Stephanie Wheeler: Stephanie is the program coordinator of the *Friendship Place* in Neenah which is a social, education and recreational outreach facility for adults with severe persistent mental illness. She thanked the board for past support which has allowed them to help provide enriching programs to the community. Their facility remained open during Covid 19 serving as a vital support to those in need. They have provided creative programming using a variety of ways to connect with the consumers. The mental health needs of the community will undoubtedly increase. Consideration of future support would be greatly appreciated.

Kate Pfaendtner: Kate spoke on behalf of *Friendship Place* as she has a daughter that has greatly benefitted from the services they provide. She has been involved with them for 8 years now with help in developing coping skills and have the support needed between other appointments in day-to-day living.

Kent Barnes is the new Executive Director of Addiction Medical Solutions of Wisconsin (AMS) of Oshkosh. This is an outpatient medication assisted treatment facility that works primarily with

the opioid substance use disorder diagnosis utilizing methadone and suboxone and are currently serving 254 total patients.

No written requests were received at this time. Any additional requests received with today's postmark will be shared with board members.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb