

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Koziczkowski, Mike Norton, Larry Lautenschlager, Harold Singstock, Jerry Finch, Chris Kniep

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Donna Lohry, Karen Powers, Judy Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Beth Roberts, Ann Kriegel, Annette Beattie, Renee Soroko, Lisa Pendleton, Jenna Washuleski and Pam Bartelt

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

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jenna Washuleski, AODA Substance Abuse Counselor, Human Services that works with adolescents. Jenna is also head of the prevention team for Winnebago County Drug and Alcohol Coalition (DAC) who is sponsoring an art contest "We Are Wisconsin" for elementary, middle and high school students. The purpose of this contest is to change the conversation and our identity as Wisconsinites around alcohol use as Wisconsin has so much to be proud of. The winning artwork will be used for the brochures moving forward. There will be fun events for youth and opportunity for middle and high school students to become Youth Representatives to help spread awareness of this contest. More information can be found at winnebagodac.org/what-is-wisconsin.

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

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

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Chris Kniep moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried unanimously. (6-0)

PROGRAM: FOSTER CARE PROGRAM – LISA PENDLETON, CHILD WELFARE PLACEMENT RESOURCE TEAM PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

Bill Topel introduced Lisa Pendleton who shared that currently Winnebago County Foster Care Program has 87 licensed foster homes which does include relatives and homes that are licensed specifically for a child. They are always in the process of licensing additional foster homes to assist with their needs. At times private child placement agencies in order to meet the needs of placement of respite care. Private child placing agencies license individuals throughout the state who choose to be licensed by a private agency rather than the county in which they reside. We do not oversee these homes. The program recently implemented Family Find Referral. This year the program implemented a grant that provided additional money for activities for foster parents and biological families. A recruitment committee was recently created with staff from Child Welfare department in order to make recruitment a joint effort to target higher needs groups such as teens, sibling groups and youth with higher need levels. Informational sessions are now being offered for individuals interested in foster care. Focus has been on shared parenting with the foster families and the importance of working with the biological families. A workgroup is developing a format for a formal meeting to include both sets of parent's at the start of the placement. Foster care placements are for youth up to 18 years of age or have completed a high school equivalency program. State regulates criteria.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel shared placement statistics showing that Child Welfare (CW) Division – Juvenile Corrections remains at 0.0 Actual Daily Populations (ADP). Residential Care Centers are at 2.0 ADP. Behavioral Health (BH) - Specialty Hospitals for adults is at 3.0 ADP with the youth being at 2.7 ADP. Secure Detention is at 2.9 ADP. Foster Care is at 86.5 ADP.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary addressed the financial report showing information through August 2019. Total expenses are 1.7% less than budgeted. All categories are close to budgeted amounts with exception of labor which is due to vacancies. Revenue is 5% higher than anticipated due to revenue from work done in 2016, 2017 and most recently 2018 work. BH is receiving more money than anticipated due to an opioid grant where we provide more services. Recently more revenue is generated through medical assistance for programs that BH teams bill for. In 2018, Long Term Support (LTS) had put together a report regarding how many people are being served, how many children are on the wait list. Additional children have been entered and we are now serving more children than we had projected. The state has increased revenue in 2019 to address the needs of those children. Both the BH and LTS division have received additional revenues to serve additional needs.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill mentioned the Trauma Sensitivity Training provided by Dr. Bob Rhoton, Head of Arizona Trauma Institute with 108 staff attending. Focus was on trauma informed care and what we can do differently in our practices to help our consumers. The next step will involve a cohort of 12 staff doing further trainings in this area and sharing with our agency.

October 16, 2019 will be the first annual WCHSA Board Member Conference in Stevens Point.

October 18, 2019 the WCHSA Eastern Region Board Member Group will take place at Fox Valley Technical College of Appleton, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The presentation will be on Human Trafficking. Bill shared that Damascus Road is focused on adults and specializes in mental health.

WCHSA Fall Conference will be taking place December 4-5, 2019 in Wausau. More information will be coming out soon.

AGENDA ITEM #7: PRESENT AND DISCUSS DRAFT OF 2020 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Members reviewed the 2020 Human Services Board Meeting schedule.

AGENDA ITEM #8: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Norton mentioned a Diversity Committee that has been put together that will be meeting October 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33. The public is invited. There will also be a speaker at 6:00 p.m. from Milwaukee County presenting on '*Racism as a Health Issue*'.

Chris Kniep recently attended the Professional Association Meeting and mentioned a speaker addressing ageism and aging. He had done research and written a book "*30 Life Lessons*". Chris also mentioned the class '*Powerful Tools for Caregivers*' that she and Rebecca Groleau are teaching and have had great turnout. Rebecca has done a great job connecting with area support groups.

Jim Koziczkowski confirmed that Lakeland Care District is now on its own as Lakeland Care Inc.

With no further business Jerry Finch moved for adjournment; seconded by Mike Norton and carried at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, November 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Neenah Human Services Building in Room 008.**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb