

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 13, 2017

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Lautenschlager, Michael Conley-Kuhagen, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Judy Wright, Karen Powers

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jim Koziczkowski, Donna Lohry, Jerry Finch

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bodnar, Corporation Counsel

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Renee Soroko 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 OCTOBER 2, 2017 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Karen Powers and carried. (6-0).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2017 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Mike Norton moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Michael Conley-Kuhagen and carried (6-0)

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPIOID LAWSUIT

John Bodnar shared that this opioid lawsuit was presented at the Wisconsin Counties Association Meeting. Several counties throughout Wisconsin and the nation are interested in being represented by a law firm in an action against the drug companies. There has been no contact between the von Briesen & Roper Law Office and the Corporation Counsel. Andy Phillips from the law firm (von Briesen & Roper) is proposing that they would be the contact for the various counties that would be involved and they would be working with two or three other law firms. This is not a class action law suit. Each county will be a separate plaintiff. This is a products liability lawsuit where the drug companies marketed the drugs as having so addictive side effects. As a result, physicians prescribed these medications for their patients and consequently many became addicted. Counties have paid out a lot of money over the years taking care of people that became addicted to these medications. The damages from overprescribed medications will need to be identified for each case which will require many hours of research and salaries to gather this information.

A phone conversation took place to address questions with Andy Phillips, von Briesen & Roper and Krista B from Crueger Dickinson LLC. An inquiry was made regarding how other counties are handling the gathering of this information. There is a third party that could be hired to assist with this process and are able to ensure that all state and HIPPA guidelines are followed. When asked if it is believed that this could also implicate physicians, Krista shared that it would be difficult if not impossible to put the fault on the prescribing physicians. This is a nationwide issue and work is being done to coordinate the efforts by creating a Multi District Litigation (MDL). A decision regarding whether a county wants to be involved should be made soon in order to be prepared to move forward in January of 2018. Other departments in the county may also have been affected, such as the Health Department, Coroner's Office and Sheriff's Department. .

Mike Norton made a motion to support this resolution and forward to the County Board; Karen Powers seconded the motion and it carried (6-0).

PROGRAM: DRUG COURT EVALUATION

It was noted that the program will be moved to the December 2017 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel shared that in Child Welfare - Juvenile Corrections is down to .6 Average Daily Population (ADP) and Residential Care Centers with 2 ADP. Adult Specialty Hospitals has gone up slightly to 2.8 ADP however is low compared to other year. We do have a person at Winnebago Mental Health Institute who is awaiting placement with the wait time possibly being a year. A team will meet to find an alternative plan within the next month. Specialty hospitals for under 22 years is at .8 ADP. Secure detention is at 5.1 ADP. Foster Care is staying down at 81.1 ADP which is due to other services being in place.

AGENDA ITEM # 6: FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary Fredrickson shared that this month's report is very similar to last month with a change of approximately \$30,000, anticipating \$1.4 million under budget. We anticipate being approximately 1.6% under budget in our expenses and having 2.95% more revenue than anticipated in 2017.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel shared that the WCHSA fall conference is coming up November 30 – December 1, 2017 in Stevens Point. The annual holiday luncheon will be taking place Wednesday, December 13th at the Expo Center from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. The proposed dates for the 2018 Human Services Board Meetings were shared.

Last week at the Facilities Committee meeting the selection for the architect for the 16 bed CBRF was announced as being Oscar Boldt Company. This will go to the County Board for approval. These plans will be done over the next 3 – 6 months which will then go back to the County Board and shared along with the cost estimate from the planner for approval.

WCHSA had a retreat last week where they talked about Roberts Rules and the Platform development. They are in the process of hiring a new executive director.

Michael Conley-Kuhagen departed from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8: CONSIDER & ACT ON TABLE OF ORGANIZATION NAME CHANGE AND CORRESPONDING CHANGE IN PAY FOR CCS CASE MANAGER-AODA COUNSELOR

Last year (2016) the BH Division Manager transferred a position to the Case Management Support Team as a “Case Manager” which is grade 23. His previous title was “Safe Streets Case Manager” which is paygrade 22. This person has always been certified as an AODA counselor (grade 23) and has provided services as such. The job title was never changed to the correct position or paygrade. It needs to include “AODA Counselor” which is a unique position in that he provides both services. There is not another case manager on either the Oshkosh or Neenah Team which does this. The title and grade should have changed through the January PAF. What we need now is: 1) A Table of Organization title change from Case Manager – “Safe Streets Case Manager” to “CCS Case Manager – AODA Counselor”. 2) A pay grade adjustment from grade 22 to grade 23 effective January 1, 2018.

Mike Norton made a motion to approve this request; Karen Powers seconded the motion and it carried with approval from all members in attendance (5-0).

AGENDA ITEM #9: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Harold Singstock requested information from all staff regarding feedback on the effects of the pay-for-performance plan which has been in place for two years now. Items that are working and what still needs adjustment.

Mike Norton thanked Bill Topel for reorganizing the WCHSA Committee as new counties are now attending. Stepping Up has a program this Thursday with a call-in session from 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Mike would like to request that the agenda and minutes be sent electronically moving forward.

Karen Powers complimented Bill on the WCHSA meetings as well. Nice to share information with other counties.

Larry Lautenschlager shared that he and Mike Norton will be attending the WCA Human Services and NACo Steering Committee and will be attending the quarterly meeting in Stevens Point on Friday.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Karen Powers and carried at 5:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, December 4, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb