

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

**Minutes**

**DATE:** Monday, December 2, 2019

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Koziczowski, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Jerry Finch, Judy Wright, Chris Kniep, Karen Powers

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Larry Lautenschlager

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

Jim Koziczowski 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 NOVEMBER 4, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2019 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING AND NOVEMBER 19, 2019 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS**

Bill Topel shared that placement statistics showed 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 2.0 ADP with the youth being at 0.8 ADP. Secure Detention is down to 1.6 ADP. Foster Care is at 83.5 ADP.

Karen Powers arrived at 3:05 p.m.

## **AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mary Frederickson addressed the financial report with labor being at 97% of budget which is due to not all positions being filled all of the time. Operating expenses are at 98% of budgeted amount which is reflected in the above placement statistics. Revenue is higher than expected, such as additional revenue from economic support work done in 2016, 2017 and 2018 that is now being reimbursed.

## **AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Bill mentioned the upcoming Fall 2019 WCHSA Conference that will take place this week December 4-5, 2019 in Rothschild, WI. Winnebago County Child Welfare will be presenting at the conference. This presentation will also be shared with our Board at our next Human Services Board meeting.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 is our holiday luncheon and recognition meeting from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Expo Center.

Bill clarified that the *Family's First* legislation has already been passed. Wisconsin Department of Children and Families is in charge of this and Wisconsin will have two years to implement. This will help to develop prevention services for children; and secondly to ensure that when children are in group homes or residential centers that they will have access to nurses and other clinical care.

## **PROGRAM: JENNIFER GARNER, SENATOR BALDWIN'S OFFICE – CAREGIVERS BILL**

Bill introduced Jennifer Garner who is with Senator Baldwin's office and will be sharing information regarding the Caregiver's Bill which is legislation that has recently been passed. The bill that got passed this year is called the RAISE Family Caregiver Act which stands for Recognize – Assist – Include – Support – Engage. The idea is to develop a national family caregiving strategy to support families. This would require a closer look at how we provide support for family caregivers.

Another piece of legislation she shared was *Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act*. This helps to provide training for new and existing palliative care positions and those that teach these teams in order to give patients and their families a voice in their care and treatment roles. It will boost research and study of palliative and hospice care and provide consistency of standard of care. The *Older Americans Act* is in the committee right now and looking for reauthorization. *Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act* which would reauthorize federal grants for respite care programs that provide temporary relief to caregivers from their ongoing responsibilities. It decreases the need for professional long-term care and allows individuals that require care to remain at home.

The president has indicated that he would like to reduce the poverty standards which would reduce the amount of people that are served by programs that are funded by this. Senator Baldwin is looking for stories from constituents about the importance of maintaining the poverty standard where it is at. Another area of interest is the impact that the addiction crisis has had on foster care caseloads, tax levy or any areas.

Jennifer shared that their office is also looking at the issues of homelessness and housing in looking beyond the need to provide more shelter assistance and looking at section 8 programs to help people get stabilized.

## **AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Karen Powers thanked the group for their support.

Mike Norton is looking for an update for the new Justice Program and the staffing. Bill addressed this by sharing that the job descriptions for the *Lead Case Manager Justice Programs* and *Case Manager Justice Programs* have been submitted and interviews will be taking place soon. Carol Morack, who is currently in charge of AODA programs and Safe Street Drug Court Coordinator, will be interim coordinator to identify what the process will look like.

Chris Kniep mentioned the Falls Preventions which the ADRC is actively involved with.

Donna Lohry attended the Specialized Transportation Council meeting and will be attending on a regular basis. Donna suggested reviewing transportation policies of our agency and be sure constituents are informed.

With no further business Jerry Finch moved for adjournment; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried at 4:35 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, January 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Neenah Human Services Building in Room 008.**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb