

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

**Minutes**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Lautenschlager, Jim Koziczkowski, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Donna Lohry, Jerry Finch, Judy Wright,

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Karen Powers

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Beth Culp, Ann Kriegel, Leo Podoski, Renee Soroko and Pam Bartelt

Larry Lautenschlager, chair of the Department of Human Services Board opened the hearing at 6:00 p.m. by welcoming those present in the audience and introducing the Board members and staff who were present. Larry 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. Larry reviewed the guidelines for the hearing.

The following information is testimony given:

**Jon Kneuppel:** Jon shared that his goal is to live on his own in a group home. His team helped him by learning skills, Brooke helped him find the correct medicine, made sure it worked for him and worked with him to take them on his own. His team set up a plan where he would call for support when needed. The staff helped Jon find a job and he has now maintained a job for four years at Walgreens. Jon feels the staff, Brooke and his medication have been what has helped him. The staff listened to him and helped him figure out what he needed to work on.

**Ellen Harwell:** Ellen shared that for the past thirteen years she has been consistently satisfied with a variety of services provided by this agency. She feels like the staff has been exemplary and the service was excellent and from a great team. Ellen mentioned that the Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Program is a very powerful program that helps learn how to respond to given situations. She wished it were available in the schools at some level to help students learn how to effectively cope with situations that life brings. Advocacy, self-care and managing medication responsibly are the most important things she has taken from this program.

With no further testimonies offered, the hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Bartelt, Human Services Department/pb