

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, April 2, 2012

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Finch, Jef Hall, Jim Kozickowski, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson and Tom Widener

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl and Donna Lohry

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, and Dorothy De Grace

ALSO PRESENT: Margaret Winn, Lakeside Packaging Plus, Inc.; Paul Eisen and Harold Singstock, County Board; Bob Poeschl, Cerebral Palsy & ARC

Jim Kozickowski called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2012 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Jerry Finch moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried (5-0). (Hall not present yet).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2012 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING; THE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MARCH 6, 2012 FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tom Widener moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried (5-0).

PROGRAM – USE OF ELECTRONIC ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FROM A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jim Kozickowski moved the program portion of the meeting to be next on the agenda.

Mary Krueger said we are seeing more requests to use Family Support funding to purchase electronic adaptive equipment for children with autism, but there have been questions whether the county should be funding this type of equipment. A children's waiver recipient, his mother, his therapist, and his service coordinator were present today to show how electronic adaptive equipment has been a benefit to this autistic non-verbal child.

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The child had been using sign language previously, but it was demonstrated that he is better able to communicate with the use of his I-Pad because his sign language was not universal with the Oshkosh School District where he attends school. There are many programs on his I-Pad that he's able to use; in particular, there is a program that speaks the words that he types. He is also able to communicate with his family members and friends by doing word games or other games on the I-Pad; he can also do his homework on it; he can play music or videos that help calm him. His response to questions when using his I-Pad helps his parents know that he understands what they are saying. The mother present today believes the Oshkosh school system should provide an I-Pad for every child; but if the school provides the I-Pad, it can't be brought home during the summer months or vacations. Mary Krueger said we've included in our policy a request that a therapist work with a child and his/her parents for 4-6 weeks to get acquainted with the equipment before making a recommendation to purchase it. We would only purchase applications that are a part of the child's educational plan. Bill Topel said we will cooperate with the school district so we are both working together with requests for electronic adaptive equipment.

AGENDA ITEM #4: FINANCIAL REPORT

Ellen Shute referred to the graphs for inpatient and institutional utilization and said the average daily population (ADP) for Juvenile Corrections for January and February is 4, which is below our budget for this area. For residential care centers the ADP is 5.3, which is slightly higher than the 3.7 of last year at the same time. The ADP for adults in specialty hospitals is 3.9, which is a significant decrease in the average for last year. For the population under age 22, the ADP for specialty hospitals was .4 for January and February. The ADP for secure detention for 2011 was 7.2, which carried into January of this year.

Ellen Shute referred to the "hot spot" projection report showing the areas that could take a dramatic turn in our budget within a short period of time. Ellen said the Child Welfare Division will receive a Youth Aids reduction of \$393,016 for this year. She said at this point in time it appears we will have a projected net variance of \$6,892 in that area. We project a favorable net variance of \$1,365,416 in the Behavioral Health area for specialty hospitals and community-based residential facilities.

AGENDA ITEM #5: ACCEPT SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS LETTER

Jim Kozickowski asked for acceptance of the accomplishments letter from the Specialized Transportation Council. Mike Norton moved for acceptance; seconded by Tom Widener and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6: INCOME MAINTENANCE CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Ann Kriegel said the Call Center statistics continue to be good. The state is delaying the updates to the software system, which is needed in order to be fully functioning as a consortium. Ann said they have a good system working with the other counties in the consortium. We are able to consistently answer 95% of our calls with very short wait times.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel said the Wisconsin County Human Services Association Spring Conference will take place May 22-24 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI.

Bill Topel thanked Jef Hall for his service on the Board, as Jef has resigned from his term due to job commitments.

AGENDA ITEM #8: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Norton reported on a recent meeting of interested individuals regarding ideas on how to address rural transportation needs. They will be checking into available transportation grants, but they do not intend to duplicate what other committees are already doing.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be **Monday, May 7, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Neenah Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lohry, Board Secretary

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