

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, April 4, 2011

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, Debby Blankenship, Jen Neer (intern) and Dorothy De Grace

OTHERS PRESENT: Officer Jason Weber and Lisa Brown, Re-Think Program

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 7, 2011 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Harvey Rengstorf moved for approval of the minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried (8-0).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2011 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE MARCH 1, 2011 FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tom Widener moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried (8-0).

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

PROGRAM: GOOD DRUGS GONE BAD

Officer Jason Weber, the Community Liaison and Crime Prevention Officer with the Town of Menasha Police Department, is present today to talk about prescription drug abuse. A program called "Re:Think" was developed in Winnebago County as part of a coalition building grant from which several committees have been formed to work on healthy initiatives. The "Good Drugs Gone Bad" initiative addresses prescription drug abuse. Jason said the program began in 2009 and it was one of six programs in the United States to be selected for further evaluation by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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Jason said that it was determined last fall that unintentional overdoses of prescription drugs has replaced car accidents as a leading cause of accidental deaths in 15 states and the D.C. area. He said some people misuse others' prescription drugs to self-medicate, which can be just as deadly as using illegal drugs. Last year pharmaceutical drugs were the #1 drug threat to the Fox Cities, according to an assessment done by the Lake Winnebago Area MEG Unit. Jason said there were 350 deaths in Winnebago County last year; 50 of those were drug related (the majority were from prescription drug use). Most people obtain prescription drugs from friends or relatives; others divert the drugs from legal sources such as physicians or pharmacies by doctor shopping or prescription fraud. Jason said legislation was passed last May for Wisconsin to create a prescription drug monitoring program which mandates prescribers to check the data base before issuing prescriptions to someone. Prescription medications should be locked up or put in a private area, not out in the open. Any unused or outdated prescription drugs should be disposed into one of the local drug drop boxes. There is one at the Oshkosh, Appleton and Neenah Police Department buildings. Lisa Brown explained that a prescription drug should be left in the bottle in which it was dispensed before disposing of it into a drop box. The person should leave the prescription information visible, but blacken out the name of the individual. Jason pointed out that it is a felony to possess and sell or share prescription drugs that aren't prescribed to you.

AGENDA ITEM #4: 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

Ellen Shute referred to the final 2010 Financial Report and said we will be returning \$2,141,645 to the General Fund.

Ellen referred to the inpatient and institutional utilization graph for average daily population (ADP) through February. She said the ADP for juvenile corrections is .5; and the ADP for residential care centers for children is 2.1. The ADP for specialty hospitals through February is 6.1 for adults and .1 for children.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESOLUTION TO KEEP INCOME MAINTENANCE A PART OF HUMAN SERVICES

Bill Topel explained that according to the Governor's budget proposal the state wants to have the Income Maintenance programs of Medicaid and Food Share become centralized in Madison by May 2012. There is concern that the state cannot operate Income Maintenance programs as efficiently as counties do. Bill said we would be required to pay \$737,000 to the state each year for them to provide I.M. services. He said we'd like to join other counties in support of the resolution in asking the legislature to keep I.M. as a county function. Jerry Finch moved to approve a resolution to oppose the centralization of Income Maintenance programs as proposed in the Governor's Biennium Budget and keep the programs as part of Human Services; seconded by Donna Lohry. The motion was amended by Jef Hall by adding to the bottom of the resolution that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Board, as well as the offices of the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Secretary of State. The resolution would be subject to review by the Corporation Counsel. Jerry Finch moved for approval of the amended resolution; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried (8-0).

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AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel said the state has contracted with LogistiCare to coordinate all Medical Assistance non-emergency medical transportation. Currently, if someone on M.A. needs transportation to a medical appointment he/she can either contact a transport company directly or we will reimburse the mileage if the person is transported in someone's personal vehicle. After July 1, a person on M.A. would need to call an 800 number for transportation to a non-emergency medical appointment or take public transportation. The trip won't be reimbursed if someone else drives them to an appointment.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Harvey Rengstorf said the Re:Think group gave the Sheriff's Department \$2,500 to start this program. They are asking the county for an additional \$15,000 for the startup. Harvey pointed out that the program would eventually pay for itself.

Donna Lohry reported on her attendance at a recent meeting regarding LogistiCare.

Mike Norton said that he obtained an interesting article from WisconsinWatch.org. on how proposed Medicaid cuts would affect mental health services for some individuals.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried unanimously at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be **Monday, May 2, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.**

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lohry, Board Secretary

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