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

#### Minutes

**DATE:** Monday, November 4, 2013

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Neenah Human Services Building, Rm. 008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczkowski, Ron Kuehl, Donna Lohry, Mike

Norton, Rob Paterson, and Harold Singstock

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Larry Lautenschlager and Tom Widener

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, Debby Blankenship,

Marty Watkins and Dorothy De Grace

**ALSO PRESENT:** Doug Gieryn, Public Health Department

Jim Koziczkowski 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 7, 2013 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Jerry Finch moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

# AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Donna Lohry moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

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

Ellen Shute reviewed the Inpatient & Institutional Placement statistics chart. The average daily population (ADP) for the Child Welfare Division, Juvenile Corrections remains at zero; and the 10.5 ADP for Residential Care Centers is a slight decrease from last month. In the Behavioral Health Division there is a slight increase from 5.4 to 5.8 ADP for the adult population in Specialty Hospitals; for children under age 22 the ADP is 2.5 compared to 1.7 last month. Ellen said most of these individuals are covered under Medical Assistance. Secure Detention's ADP of 7.3 is a slight reduction from the 7.4 of last month; Foster Care's ADP decreased from 98.6 to 95.1.

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

Ellen Shute said the unexpended tax levy is about the same as last month, but the current variance is \$681,447 of which Labor is \$215,509. The surplus is primarily due to Affordable Care Act dollars budgeted for Labor. This number will fluctuate over the next couple of months.

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## AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel reminded Board members of the WCHSA Conference on December 5 & 6 in Wisconsin Rapids. He invited everyone to the agency's Holiday Luncheon on December 11 at the Expo Center starting at 11:00 a.m.

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

Rob Paterson said there will be an East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission meeting on November 12 at the Best Western Convention Center in Oshkosh from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Donna Lohry said the ADRC Committee has been very active in trying to get the Go Transit bus routes changed. The buses are now re-routed to pick up people at Mercy and Aurora hospitals, but there are still some issues that need to be addressed. The ADRC Committee will be sending a note to the Transit Commission thanking them for the changes they've made so far.

Jim Koziczkowski reviewed the 2014 Board meeting schedule.

#### PROGRAM: AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATE

Ann Kriegel said we hired two Economic Support staff using Affordable Care Act dollars we received. All of her staff has recently had new training with Badger Care because we are required to calculate the income of Badger Care recipients the same way the feds are doing it. Computer changes will go into effect November 16, and we will get the applications from the Marketplace near the end of November. So far statewide there are 5,289 applications that have been determined eligible for Badger Care (this represents 7,248 individuals).

Mary Krueger said we hired three temporary staff to help people navigate the Marketplace for insurance coverage as part of the Affordable Care Act. People who are between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level and not eligible for Badger Care or who are uninsured can sign up through the Marketplace. Mary Watkins said since October 1 we've had 57 people call with questions about obtaining insurance through the Marketplace exchange. She said people can apply in several different ways to get their application in before the deadline of December 15: online at the Website (healthcare.gov); call the 1-800-318-2596 number; or submit a paper application available from marketplace.cms.gov. They can choose between four insurance providers, which could be different for each county. The insurance companies must tell people that based on their income they could qualify for a tax credit if they sign up for a silver, gold or platinum plan. Ann Kriegel said in Winnebago County we expect 14,000 people to apply to the Marketplace and 2,600 will lose Badger Care. People can also get questions answered at their local library, hospitals or private, non-profit groups.

With no further business Jerry Finch moved for adjournment; seconded by Ron Kuehl and carried at 4:10 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be on **Monday, December 2, 2013 in 3:00 p.m.** at the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lohry, Board Secretary/dd