

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

Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 19, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczowski, Larry Lautenschlager, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, and Harold Singstock

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Kuehl and Tom Widener

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Tom Saari, Leo Podoski, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, Gina Vanden Branden and Dorothy De Grace

Jim Koziczowski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the intent of considering any additional testimony for the Public Hearing.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing concluded at approximately 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2: REVIEW, DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND 2015 HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

Jerry Finch moved to bring the 2015 proposed Budget to the floor for review, discussion and recommendation; seconded by Mike Norton and carried (7-0).

Bill Topel explained that overall the 2015 Budget is similar to last year's. We've accomplished a zero percent increase as requested by the County Executive. We've looked at our staffing pattern and have included a couple of position changes and additions. We will be looking at capturing new Medicaid revenues to help cover the cost of the positions and creating more efficiency to reduce costs.

CHILD WELFARE DIVISION:

Leo Podoski said the budget for Child Welfare includes a new position which is targeted as a Child Protective Services (CPS) supervisor for the Access area. This request is due to growing needs with state mandates for CPS documentation, assessments, and reports. We also have areas of focus which include visitation and parent training for CPS workers. There is an increase of 38.9% in the budget for school truancy mentoring and a 15% increase for the new non-secure detention facility for juvenile offenders. The new facility has a 16-bed capacity vs. 12-bed for the former Shelter Care facility. We have a slight decrease in cost for secure detention for the new provider in Fond du Lac with new usage parameters.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION:

Tom Saari explained that the Labor account for Behavioral Health shows an increase for three Youth Comprehensive Community Service (CCS) worker positions that transferred from Child Welfare in 2014, and we anticipate a revenue increase for this service. We are involved in the regionalization of this service with Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties, and hope to be certified effective August 1 as a shared services model. The funds that come from the county for this service would be replaced with state funds. We are also requesting three new positions: an Intensive In-Home Therapist (currently contracted), an Intensive In-Home Case Manager (currently contracted), and a Resident Program Professional structured for second shift and weekends at Toward Tomorrow. Also included in the budget for Behavioral Health is the cost of a \$30,000 grant which will no longer be available in 2015 for a lead mental health technician position. Tom said we currently give \$10,000 to the Hope & Care Center, but they plan to dissolve when Friendship Place starts its program in Oshkosh. He would anticipate that we would leave the money in the budget for the Oshkosh location of Friendship Place.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION:

Ann Kriegel said the Economic Support Division will have a decrease in revenue for next year due to the Food Stamp Employment Training (FSET) program being taken over by the state at the end of the year. Also, two sunset positions are being requested which will result in less reimbursement from the state to Income Maintenance. Bill Topel pointed out that from a discussion with the County Executive the two free health clinics in Oshkosh and the Fox Cities would receive incremental reductions in funding from us each year until the amount to each of them is reduced to \$25,000 to cover services for individuals not covered under the Marketplace insurance or Badger Care. For 2015 the total budget request for the Living Healthy Community Clinic in Oshkosh and the Fox Cities Community Health Center in Menasha will be \$125,000.

LONG TERM SUPPORT DIVISION:

Mary Krueger explained that we anticipate some programmatic changes to the Birth-to-Three Program into a waiver program for next year, but it won't require any changes to the budget. The budget includes expenses and revenues for respite care for families of children that are returning home after having been in out-of-home placement or Shelter Care. The budget includes a request for a new service coordinator position for the Family Support team and a request to change a full-time Disability Benefit Specialist position into two part-time positions. We anticipate a slight increase in revenue from the state and feds to the ADRC budget for reimbursable activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION:

Ellen Shute said we are requesting to replace two agency vehicles for 2015 at a total cost of \$44,500. She is not requesting any new positions in Administrative Services for next year.

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Bill Topel gave remarks on the issues presented by Paul Eisen at the recent Public Hearing: 1) we do have user fee requirements in many of our programs where it is allowed; 2) the difficulty in getting multiple providers of the same service for Human Services is that companies have to be available to perform the same service that the current provider is giving today; 3) there is a match component to the revenue we receive from state and federal sources, and those amounts would be reduced as the tax levy declines—this would result in less programming being made available; 4) our agency is part of a fraud consortium; and 5) we are working to make improvements at the school system, the Second Chance program, and staff's response to problems at the new facility.

Larry Lautenschlager moved to give the \$10,000 from the Hope & Care Center to Friendship Place when they open in Oshkosh; seconded by Mike Norton.

Mike Norton proposed an increase to the amount of funding to both the Fox Valley Warming Shelter and the Day-by-Day Warming Shelter by \$5,000 with the money coming from a decrease in funding to the free health clinics or from other adjustments.

Harold Singstock moved to approve the proposed Budget as is, which includes a zero percent tax levy increase as directed by the County Executive; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager. Motion failed (3 ayes; 4 nays).

Donna Lohry proposed we include \$5,000 in the Budget for the Tri-County Dental Clinic.

Mike Norton moved to add \$5,000 to each of the warming shelters and \$5,000 to the Tri-County Dental Clinic for a total of \$15,000 while keeping the tax levy at zero percent increase; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager.

Harold Singstock suggested that if we get requests down the road we could request funds from the General Fund if it's justified. Donna Lohry said we are simply putting our requests in a formal statement.

Mike Norton's motion to add \$5,000 to each of the warming shelters and \$5,000 to the Tri-County Dental Clinic while keeping the tax levy at zero percent increase to the Budget passed unanimously (7-0). The amended 2015 Budget will be presented to the County Executive.

With no further business, Mike Norton moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m.; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried unanimously. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be Monday, August 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Winnebago County Shelter Care facility.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Norton, Human Services Board Secretary

Recorded by: Dorothy De Grace, Secretary, Department of Human Services

