

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair, Hensel Vold at 5:03 p.m. in the Packer Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, October 4, 2010.

Board Members Present: Arild Engelién, Hensel Vold, Dora Jean Blaha, Rod Severson

Staff Present: Jeff McIntyre, Jami Kabus, Kathy Gauger, Judy Fredrickson, Mary Manka
Carol Anderson, Special Guest Hobert Knowlton, Sandy Palkowski

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Mr. Engelién to adopt the amended agenda (move agenda items No. 11 and 14 up); **seconded by** Mr. Severson. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Health & Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Engelién to accept the minutes from the September 7, 2010 meeting; **seconded by** Mr. Vold. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – None

6. Volunteer Driver Recognition

Ms. Gauger presented an appreciation certificate to Hobert Knowlton for his 10 years as a dedicated volunteer driver for Senior Services. At 87 years old, he thought it was time to turn in his keys. Mr. Knowlton shared with the group a little bit about a book he has written about his life.

7. Closed Session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) (considering performance employee); (1)(f) (preliminary consideration of investigatory findings); and (1)(g) (conferring with legal counsel/considering recommendations of legal counsel).

Motion by Mr. Severson to go into closed session; **seconded by** Ms. Blaha.

Motion to return to open session at 5:20 p.m. by Mr. Engelién; **seconded by** Mr. Severson.

8. ~~ADRC Lead Social Worker~~

9. Alternate Care Statistics

Mr. McIntyre stated that the out-of-home costs are astronomical. At the present time we are \$28,000 over budget. Our focus is on keeping the children at home. Presently there are four terminations of parental rights. Good news at the county level; we no longer have the expense. The State provides state adoption financial assistance.

10. Families First Grant

Mr. McIntyre informed the group that Families First received a grant for \$50,000 for the next five years to be utilized to develop coordinated service teams with families who have issues with truancy or mental health issues. We will be partnering with Northwest Connections.

11. Create Disability Benefit Specialist Position

Mr. McIntyre stated that it was recommended by the full County Board to take this position back to the Human Services Committee and Personnel Committee for more discussion. Ms. Gauger has contacted Kelly Services as well as Manpower. The State pays partial salary and no levy dollars are used for this position. Next step is to go to Personnel and then to the full County Board.

12. Vehicle Inspection Form – Senior Services

All vehicles have been inspected by the State Patrol in Eau Claire.

13. 2010 Budget Resolution

Mr. McIntyre discussed the changes in our budget. It will go to the full County Board at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

14. Unexpected Detention Costs Incurred

Mr. McIntyre informed the group about the unexpected detention. The inmate was detained about three times. No one can handle her in the jail. Trempealeau County Health Care Center is a better placement. Plea and sentencing is set for October 5, 2010. These are extra costs that are not budgeted for.

15. MA Transportation Policy

Ms. Palkowski stated that in 2004 there was a policy that was brought to the Board of Supervisors for Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation. Ms. Palkowski questioned if this policy was still needed by Human Services. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Mr. Severson to eliminate this policy and follow the state rates; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

16. Committee Citizen Members

Mr. McIntyre informed the group that we need to find two citizen members. If unable to find someone, we will place an ad in the paper. There will be a term limit. The Board of Supervisors has been made aware of this.

17. Mississippi Valley Health Services Voting Member

We are again in need of someone to be on the Mississippi Valley Health Services Board. Former member, Ms. Kupka, is now on the Health Board. It is required that they be a member of the Human Services Board. They meet two times a year. Ms. Blaha volunteered.

18. Review Voucher Summaries – Human Services 2010

a. Human Services – Total \$178,954.26 (6)

b. Senior Services – Total \$18,390.75 (1)

Motion to approve vouchers by Mr. Severson; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

19. Director's Report

- The 2011 budget for Human Services and Senior Services has been presented to the Exec Finance at a zero percent increase for Human Services.
- Mr. Borreson (Trempealeau County Health Care Center) and Mr. McIntyre have submitted a proposal grant to the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to bring people from the IMD unit and employ them. Grant was submitted last month; should know within a month.
- There has been some talk about the contract with Franciscan Skemp Hospital for CSP and AODA counseling. To bring in-house, we would need to hire a Clinical Social Worker, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, psychiatrist and a nurse. No cost for the certification. Could save money. Can bill MA for those services if they are on MA. Look at this in 2012.
- Access call on Sunday involved a 2 ½ month old baby in critical condition that was taken to the emergency room due to head trauma. Transferred to St. Mary's in Rochester. Charges are unknown at this time. Public disclosure notification was provided to DCF.

20. Next Meeting will be November 1, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

21. Adjourn

Mr. Vold adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary