

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Michelle Haines at 4:03 p.m. in the Packer Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, March 7, 2011.

Board Members Present: Hensel Vold, Dora Jean Blaha, Rod Severson, Kathy Johnson, Michelle Haines

Staff Present: Jeff McIntyre, Kathy Gauger, Sandy Palkowski, Judy Fredrickson, Jami Kabus, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Mr. Vold to adopt the presented agenda; **seconded** by Mr. Severson. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Health & Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Severson to accept the minutes from the February 7, 2011 meeting; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – None

6. Welcome Kathy Johnson to Human Services Board

After working 19 years at the Trempealeau County Health Care Center she is now employed at Johnson Hardware and Rental in Whitehall, a business she and her husband recently purchased. Introductions were made.

7. ADRC/Senior Services Supervisor's Report

Ms. Gauger spoke briefly about the two meetings she had attended last week. One day was an Aging meeting and the next day an ADRC meeting. There would be no budget cuts in ADRC. By 2012 it hoped that all 72 counties have access to an ADRC. Family Care will not be expanding, which means we will continue to have a waiting list for Family Care and IRIS. Senior Services Title III programs will not be getting a funding cut.

Other Issues:

- Congregate Meal Site is closing in Centerville. Toad's Cover restaurant is closing effective April 1. Ms. Gauger will be contacting other restaurants in the area to find another location.
- Adrienne, the Eau Claire WWC route driver has taken another job. Her last day is March 7, 2011. Gemini Cares is recruiting for another driver.
- Handout given out explaining how the \$214,000 is going to be spent: increase marketing, more placemats, radio commercials, working on opening a congregate meal site which would be about \$2,400 for start up fees. Plan was approved by GWAAR. Exec. Finance will be informed of what is happening. **Motion** by Ms. Blaha to approve the plan; **seconded** by Mr. Vold. **Motion carried.**

- LogistiCare has been given the contract by the State to broker all MA transportation programs. Mr. McIntyre and Ms. Gauger will be attending a meeting on Thursday, March 24 to hear a presentation by LogistiCare.

8. Approval of National Family Caregiver Support Program Self Assessment

Ms. Gauger distributed a handout explaining the National Family Caregiver Support Program Self-Assessment that needed to be approved by this Board. The Program offers financial assistance, as well as education. Ms. Gauger spoke about the goals and how we have met them. The marketing person does press releases and redesigns brochures. We have made sure that the target groups 55 of years and older know we have this program, provide respite to caregivers and well as supplemental services, bathing, cleaning services, etc. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Ms. Blaha to approve the Self Assessment; **seconded** by Mr. Vold. **Motion carried.**

9. Economic Support Call Change Center Update

There are seven counties that utilize the Economic Support Call Change Center in La Crosse. The Center utilizes one staff person from Trempealeau County for Spanish speaking clients. This will run out at the end of June 2011. The Governor is proposing to take all of the ES dollars to Madison. There is a possibility of one staff person doing Child Care and Energy Assistance.

10. Video Conferencing Installation

Mr. McIntyre informed the group that the video conferencing equipment we had purchased back in October/November of 2010 still has not been installed. IT has stated that they are working on it. The concern is that the price of gas is quickly rising. If employees can do video conferencing instead of traveling we could see a substantial savings in fuel costs. **Motion** made by Mr. Severson to take this to Exec. Finance; **seconded** by Ms. Johnson. **Motion carried.**

11. Youth Aids Emergency Funds Award for CY-2010

Mr. McIntyre stated that \$46,000 in emergency funds for Youth Aids was available for entire state to place people in out-of-home care. We received \$3,270.

12. Department Heads Meetings

Ms. Kabus, Human Resources and Mr. McIntyre co-coordinate the department heads meetings. Mr. Geske, County Board Chair, is also invited. Meetings are every other month from 1:30 to around 3:00 p.m.

13. WCA Regional Legislative Meetings

Mr. McIntyre informed the group that he is a WCA member and will be attending the Thursday, March 17 meeting in Eau Claire at 9:00 a.m. Plans are to talk about the Governor's proposed budget. Any County Board member is welcome to attend.

14. Proposed State Biennium Budget--Effects on Human Services-2011/2012 Budget

Mr. McIntyre distributed a WCA PowerPoint describing how the Budget Repair Bill will affect Human Services. Staff will be required to pay more for their insurance from 11% to 12.5% which is what non-reps presently pay, as well as paying one-half of their retirement which at the present time is 5.8%. The State Biennium Budget will affect

