

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Hensel Vold at 5:02 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, November 7, 2011.

Board Members Present: Hensel Vold, Arild Engelién, Dora Jean Blaha, Rob Reichwein, Kathy Johnson

Staff Present: Jeff McIntyre, Kathy Gauger, Jami Kabus, Bill Nemer, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion made by Mr. Reichwein to move agenda item #17 up under agenda item #8. **Motion** by Mr. Engelién to adopt the presented agenda; **seconded** by Mr. Reichwein. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Health & Human Services Board Meeting – **Motion** by Mr. Engelién to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2011 meeting; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – None

6. Closed Session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to Consider Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Evaluation of a Public Employee

7. Reconvene to Open Session

8. Any Action Deemed Necessary from Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Reichwein to do what was discussed in the closed session, **seconded** by Mr. Vold. **Motion carried.**

9. Opening of Sealed Bids for Home Delivered Meals and Nutrition Site Meals

The sealed bids for Home Delivered Meals and Nutrition Site Meals were opened by Ms. Gauger. Bids were as follows:

1. Grand View in Blair – home delivered meals for Blair, Ettrick, Galesville, Trempealeau and Centerville (\$6.50)
2. Tri-County Memorial Hospital in Whitehall – home delivered meals to Whitehall and Pigeon Falls (\$6.25)
3. Mayo Clinic Health System in Osseo – home delivered meals in northern area (\$9.00)
4. Trempealeau County Health Care Center in Whitehall – congregate meals (\$6.35)
5. Boondocks in Galesville – congregate meal site in Trempealeau and Galesville area (\$6.75)
6. Poor Richards in Blair – congregate meal site in Blair (\$6.00)

Did not receive bids from Norske Nook in Osseo or Pammy K's in Eleva. Ms. Gauger will contact them to see if they are willing to submit a bid. The meal site in Strum is in the process of selling the business. Ms. Gauger suggested tabling his bid for now.

Motion was made by Ms. Blaha to accept five of the bids received (Grand View Care Center, Tri-County Memorial Hospital, Trempealeau County Health Care Center, Boondocks and Poor Richards); **seconded** by Ms. Johnson. **Motion carried.**

10. Bus Driver Position Update

Ms. Gauger stated that Marci Lovette will be retiring on November 17 and Chuck Arneson has been hired to replace her. Mr. Arneson formerly worked for Gemini as our REACH driver. He works well with people and we are pleased to have him with us. This is a full time position at 40 hours/week.

11. Approval to Hire Secretary/Bookkeeper

Ms. Gauger informed the group that the Senior Services Secretary/Bookkeeper position has been vacated, which allows us to rehire. The LTE employee did not work out. This is a refill position, so it can be posted as well as advertised. **Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to move forward with the posting and advertising for this position; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

12. ADRC/Senior Services Report

Ms. Gauger reported that all programs are going well. The nutrition sites are also doing very well. With increased meal costs, we might have to look at increasing the suggested donation. The present suggested donation rate is \$3.50.

13. Approval for Sheltered Employment Transportation Rates

Ms. Gauger spoke briefly on WWC purchasing services from us. Currently we are receiving \$15 per person/one way for the ORC routes. Costs are up for fuel, phone bills, personnel, etc. Suggestion was to raise the trip to \$16.36 per one way. We are selling nutritional supplements like Ensure we buy from Tri-County Memorial Hospital at their cost. We will need to raise our prices to reflect our increased costs. Since we are reimbursing our Volunteer Drivers at IRS rate of \$.555/mile, Ms. Gauger requested that we increase our prices to WWC to this amount. Administrative fee will stay the same. **Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to increase the WWC rates to the above suggested rates; **seconded** by Mr. Engeliem. **Motion carried.**

14. IM Consortia Certification

Mr. McIntyre reported that we have approval from the State to be an eight county consortium. The business plan has been okayed. There are ten consortiums throughout the State. Mr. McIntyre will be providing updates on this.

15. Mobile Crisis Discontinuance

Mr. McIntyre stated that we needed to decrease our budget going forward in 2012. In order to do this, the Mobile Crisis had to be discontinued. At the present time, we are not required by the State to do this. We still have the Crisis Line with very good workers. There is a lot of diverting people from going into the hospitals. Ms. Dee Ann Anderson as well as Mr. McIntyre is on call every other week.

16. MH/AODA Service Priority

Mr. McIntyre will report more on this issue at the December meeting. We are getting a lot of call from people without health insurance that are on heroin. This is a 12 to 14 month treatment program. Pharmacies are not able to get the generic medication Dr. Roberts is recommending.

17. Truancy Policy/Procedure

Mr. McIntyre handed out a truancy policy/procedure. We do not have a lot of truancy. Schools make every effort to follow what they are required to do. They meet with parent or guardian, provide an opportunity on counseling, evaluate and file a petition with courts if needed. We had

met last year with school principals as well as superintendents. When we do get truancy referrals we want to evaluate what is going on; then we work with the DA's Office to come up with a way how the children can get to school. We hope to meet and resolve this in the best way for the student and most cost effective way.

18. National Child Protection Training Center

Mr. McIntyre informed the Board that it would be advisable to have a better working relationship with the Sheriff's regarding child abuse and child death. All day training will be held at the Government Center for about \$400. The cost could be split. Mr. McIntyre will come back later with more information.

19. 2011 Budget

Mr. McIntyre passed out a copy of the 2011 budget. There will be an overage in out-of-home care. These are court ordered cases. Presently we have two people in IMD which costs the county \$100,000/per person/per year. With the decrease in residents in 2012, this will help make up the overage. FCS has two children aging out and four terminating parental rights.

20. Director's Report

Mr. McIntyre stated that it would be beneficial to make the Disability Benefit Specialist a county position. It passed unanimously at Exec. Finance this morning. It will go to the full County Board of Supervisors at November's meeting. We are going forward with advertising the two new phone lines we have that will by-pass the county phone system. We have had complaints from numerous clients regarding the present phone system. We hope to move forward with this.

21. Review Voucher Summaries

- a. **Human Services - \$426,533.37**
- b. **Senior Services - \$6,962.10**

Motion by Mr. Reichwein to approve the vouchers; **seconded** by Ms. Johnson. **Motion carried.**

22. Next Meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. January thru April meetings will be at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Johnson spoke briefly on NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness). It is just getting organized. DeeAnn as well as staff from the TCHCC will be attending.

23. Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Engeliem; **seconded** by Mr. Reichwein. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary