

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Hensel Vold at 4:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, April 2, 2012.

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

Staff Present: Jeff McIntyre, Kathy Gauger, Jami Kabus, Melissa Frank, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Mr. Engelién to adopt the presented agenda; **seconded** by Ms. Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Vold to accept the minutes from the March 5, 2012 meeting; **seconded** by Mr. Engelién. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – None

6. Closed Session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(f) Considering Medical Histories of Specific Person if Discussed in Public Would Be Likely to Have a Substantial Adverse Effect Upon the Reputation of Any Person Referred to in Such Histories or Data.

7. Reconvene to Open Session

8. Any Action Deemed Necessary from Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Reichwein to approve what was discussed in closed session, **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

9. Update on Entitlement of Family Care/IRIS

Ms. Gauger noted that since 2009 Trempealeau County Family Care was to go to entitlement in February 2012. Any functionally and financially eligible person could be referred to Family Care or IRIS and be immediately enrolled. In July 2012, the Governor's budget passed that initiated a cap on Family Care/IRIS, which meant there could be no new enrollment until someone disenrolled from Family Care/IRIS. In December 2011, the Federal Government mandated that Wisconsin remove the CAP from Family Care/IRIS or lose \$17.5 billion dollars of Federal Medicaid money. The legislature has passed a bill to repeal the CAP. Family Care/IRIS is an entitlement as of April 3, 2012.

10. ADRC/Senior Services Supervisor Report

Ms. Gauger received a bulletin that stated the Older Americans Act funding could be cut by 8.5%. This could be devastating to our Senior Services Programs. If this happens, we still have money in our reserve trust fund to help make up the difference for a few years.

Senior Services is in the process of renegotiating with Western Wisconsin Cares for the non-emergency medical transportation rates. At present we charge \$13.50 per one way trip plus IRS mileage rate. WWC wants us to go to a mileage rate charge only.

Senior Services and ADRC will be working with the TV Studio to produce a couple of shows that will feature the various programs that these departments work with.

11. Shared Employee with TCHCC Update

Mr. McIntyre noted that he has talked about this earlier. Connie Oates and Mr. McIntyre have met with Ms. Gullicksrud from the TCHCC regarding this position. The CNA job description will be posted at the TCHCC. Ms. Oates, Ms. Gullicksrud and Mr. McIntyre will be part of the interviewing. This is the more economical way to go versus Gemini where we pay an administrative fee. Hopefully we will get on board within a couple of months.

12. FCS Social Worker – Human Services Board Member Input

Mr. McIntyre stated that the position for a FCS Social Worker was approved with April 6 as the closing date. Mr. McIntyre inquired to see if any Human Services Board members would like to be part of the interviewing process. Interviewing is scheduled for the week of April 16.

13. IM Consortia Update

Mr. McIntyre updated the group on what has been happening in the first quarter of the IM Consortia. There have been more than anticipated amount of calls coming in. So far going well and will know more by the middle of next month when we get financial figures together. Minor adjustments have been made. The biggest problem was with the State, scanning was sent to the wrong address. It is now contracted out to another vendor.

14. Resolution – Assigned Fund for Vehicles Purchases Account

Mr. McIntyre presented a resolution for an assigned fund for vehicle purchases account to be set up. The check, from the sale of the Crown Vic I, is in the Treasurer's Office waiting to be deposited into an account. Mr. McIntyre is asking for permission to set up an account to put these funds. Motion by Mr. Reichwein to approve setting up an assigned fund; seconded by Mr. Engeliem. Motion carried with a vote of five to one with Mr. Severson opposing.

15. Termination of Parental Rights – Department Representation

Mr. McIntyre updated the Board on the process for terminating parental rights when child is placed out of the parent's home. We have to set up a reunification plan for the parents. Court orders for the parents. We need to inform them if the child is out of the home for six months we have a legal right to start planning for terminating parental rights. We have not had a lot of support from our District Attorney's Office. Now in the sixteenth month we are out of Federal standards because the DA's office did not file. If the cases were processed on a timely manner we would not be spending as much money. IV-E dollars available to have a Purchase of Service contract with an outside attorney.

16. FY 2011 Budget

Mr. McIntyre explained to the Board why we are over budget for 2011. The reason is the out-of-home costs as well as the people at the Trempealeau County Health Care Center (TCHCC). Costs would even be higher if we did not have the TCHCC. Mr. McIntyre passed out the 2011 end of year budget and explained why were over budget. We have discharged eight people from the TCHCC and now only one remains. They have gone to Adult Family Homes, which still costs, but not as much. We cannot move them out into the community too soon. The intention of the savings is used to be deposited into the Assigned Vehicle Fund.

17. Vehicle Purchases Request

Mr. McIntyre explained the recent costs on our two existing government owned vehicles. The vehicles are getting older and requiring more maintenance. Mr. McIntyre requested that we continue to pursue purchasing new Ford Fusion SE vehicles. We would then take to Property Committee and Exec Finance. He suggested using the levy dollars that are going to be saved due to only one remaining person in the IMD. **Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to pursue the purchase of new vehicles move forward; **seconded** by Mr. Engeliem. **Motion carried.**

18. Approval to Hire Social Worker – LTS/CLTS

Melissa Frank explained the Children's Long Term Support Waiver Program:

- Explained how the program operates
- Three different categories: Developmentally Disabled, Physically Disabled, Mental Health
- Eligibility determination required for children served
- Many types of services provided including respite care, equipment, service coordination and other services that are not covered by insurance or Forward Health as appropriate
- Working with School Districts to coordinate home services to enhance education development
- Coordinating with the families any way we can to help meet child and family needs
- 26 children on right now, 15 on the waiting list
- Funding is available, but not enough staff
- Position will generate revenue from Federal and State monies through service coordination provided

Mr. McIntyre then asked permission to hire a Social Worker to strictly work with the CLTS Waiver Program. **Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to hire a Social Worker for LTS/CLTS; **seconded** by Ms. Johnson. **Motion carried** by a five to one vote with Mr. Severson opposing.

19. Review Voucher Summaries

a. **Human Services - \$190,781.73**

b. **Senior Services - \$30,122.27**

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

20. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wisconsin Room and Monday, May 7, 2012

21. Motion to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. by Mr. Reichwein; **seconded** by Ms. Johnson. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary