

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Michelle Haines at 3:00 p.m. in the Tremple Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, July 1, 2013.

Board Members Present: Hensel Vold, Arild Engelién, Michelle Haines, Curtis Skoyen, Rob Reichwein, Dora Jean Blaha

Staff Present: Jami Kabus, Kathy Gauger, Sandy Palkowski, Judy Fredrickson, Rebecca Johnson, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Engelién to accept the minutes from the June 3, 2013 meeting; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – Ms. Gauger introduced our new worker, Rebecca Johnson, who is officially full time today. Rebecca will be working for the Aging & Disability Resource Center.

6. Discussion on Buffalo County Sub-Contracts

Ms. Palkowski reported that Buffalo County is interested (no official notice as yet) in doing a 30 day opt out for contracting for the Energy Assistance Program for Trempealeau County. If this should happen, time will be of the essence as program starts in September. We would need to secure office space as well as the hiring a new worker. We have been falling short on numbers of number of people served. The State would like to see more people served. We will need to address why our numbers are low and what we might be able to do to improve on that.

7. Office Space

Ms. Palkowski noted that due to the Affordable Care Act and the possibility of Buffalo County opting out of contracting the Energy Assistance Program, we could be hiring two new workers here in Trempealeau County, and would be in need of office space.

8. ADRC/Senior Services Supervisor Report

Ms. Gauger noted that:

- ADRC/Senior Services consolidation meeting is tomorrow (July 2). By fall, she will bring back information on what has been decided.
- Farmers Market vouchers (\$25 value) are being distributed to area residents and can be used throughout the State of Wisconsin until the end of October.
- Care Wisconsin, the new managed care organization, will be starting in Trempealeau County on September 1.
- The Vehicle Coordinator position has been approved by the Exec/Finance Committee and will be moving on to the full County Board.

9. **Review Voucher Summaries**
 - a. **Human Services - \$217,359.97**
 - b. **Senior Services - \$ 43,559.89**

Motion by Mr. Reichwein to accept the voucher summaries; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

10. **Closed Session per WI Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to interview and consider applicants for the Trempealeau County Human Services Director position**
Motion by Mr. Reichwein to go into closed session at 3:26 pm; **seconded** by Mr. Engeliem.
Motion carried.

11. **Reconvene into Open Session**
Motion by Mr. Reichwein to reconvene into open session at 5:13 p.m.; **seconded** by Mr. Engeliem. **Motion carried.**

Motion to approve decisions made in closed session by Mr. Reichwein; **seconded** by Mr. Vold.
Motion carried.

12. **Next Meeting** will be Monday, August 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

13. **Adjourned** at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary