

## **Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Michelle Haines at 4:03 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, August 12, 2013.

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

**Staff Present:** Deb Suchla, Kathy Gauger, Sandy Palkowski, Connie Oates, Judy Fredrickson, 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. Reichwein. **Motion carried.**

**Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion** by Mr. Skoyen to accept the minutes from the July 1, 2013 meeting; **seconded** by Mr. Reichwein. **Motion carried.**

**Public Comments – None**

**6. 2012 Audit Report Review for Human Services & Senior Services**

Ms. Suchla noted how well her staff is doing. Thanks to the staff for a job well done. Copies of the 2012 Fund Balances were distributed and discussed.

**7. Approve Changes to Buffalo County Contracts**

Ms. Suchla stated that she received a letter from Buffalo County requesting to terminate our contract with them for the Energy Assistance Program effective September 30, 2013 and Child Care Certification December 31, 2013. The plan is to have The Parenting Place in La Crosse take over the child care certification sooner than December 31. Linda Seever has agreed to take over the duties of the Energy Assistance Program. She will have training in Buffalo County this week. Ms. Suchla and Ms. Seever will be attending more detailed training later. Crisis and furnace repair will be handled through Western Dairyland EOC, Inc., Independence, WI.

**Motion** was made by Mr. Reichwein to send a letter cancelling the Energy Assistance Program and Child Care Certification contracts; **seconded** by Mr. Vold. **Motion carried.**

**8. Discussion on Filling Two Citizen Representative Board Vacancies**

Ms. Haines explained where and how we can get citizen members on our Human Services Board. We currently have one citizen member. Ms. Suchla will look into what criteria are needed in the selection of the other two citizen representatives. The names of interested citizens will be brought to the Human Services Board to approve and then to the full County Board for approval.

**9. Presentation & Approval of 2014 Budgets**

Copies of the 2014 budgets were distributed and discussed.

- Economic Support Consortium costs have gone up 24 percent. We were able to absorb some costs by using existing staff person to do the Energy Assistance Program
- One person for the American Health Care Act will be hired as previously approved
- Space is an issue – no proposal today
- LTS levy has gone down due to clients being transferred out of IMD

- FCS costs have gone up due to actual placement costs based on a three year average
- Justice Sanctions Program is a good fit for us – no grants as yet – requested additional levy
- Congregate Meals & Home Delivered Meals costs have risen. Will look at raising suggested donation rates

**Motion** to approve Human Services and Senior Services 2014 budgets by Mr. Reichwein; **seconded** by Mr. Vold. **Motion carried.**

**10. ADRC/Senior Services Supervisor Report**

A comparison worksheet was distributed for the first six months of congregate and home delivered meals. Number of congregate meals have gone down. Plans are to do some marketing to come up with ways to increase numbers.

**11. Director's Report**

- Ms. Suchla extended a thank you to the Board – enjoys being here.
- Affordable Care Act is unfolding fast. Will be hiring a LTE (up to 2015) worker to help with this program. Ms. Suchla has been attending numerous meetings regarding this.
- Wondered if there was interest in Strategic Planning on what we want to look like in three to four years. What do we want to achieve and how do we want to do it.

Mr. Reichwein stated he was on a strategic planning committee for the Trempealeau County Health Care Center. He found it to be a very worthwhile. Pat Malone from the Extension Office was the facilitator. No action can be taken, not on the agenda.

**12. 2013 Budget Update**

Ms. Fredrickson presented the six month update for the 2013 budget. Family & Children's is the main issue, with not knowing how many children will be needing services. Justice Sanctions anticipated income is not as much as we had hoped for but more than pays for itself by keeping people out of jail.

**13. Review Voucher Summaries**

- Human Services** - \$186,787.44
- Senior Services** - \$60,103.51

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

**14. Next Meeting will** be Tuesday, September 3, 2013

**15. Meeting adjourned** at 5:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rob Reichwein**  
Secretary