

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Michelle Haines at 4:02 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

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

Staff Present: Deb Suchla, Kathy Gauger, 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. Skoyen. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Vold to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2013 meeting; **seconded** by Mr. Skoyen. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – Ms. Haines reported that a house near Hegge, WI has been donated to the county. Mary Gullicksrud, TCHCC, has been notified and is wondering if Human Services would have a use for this house or know of someone that would.

6. Contract Approvals:

Western Dairyland EOC – WHEAP Crisis

Ms. Suchla had noted at last month's meeting that Buffalo County has opted out of the contract for the Energy Assistance Program as of September 30, 2013. If approved, Western Dairyland EOC, Inc. would handle the WHEAP Crisis portion of the program. The contract period from October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014 would be \$9,964 for operations and \$23,691 for crisis. **Motion** to approve Western Dairyland EOC, Inc. to handle WHEAP Crisis by Ms. Blaha; **seconded** by Mr. Engelién. **Motion carried.**

The Parenting Place – Child Care Certification

The contract would run from September 3, 2013 thru December 31, 2013 for \$9,000. The first of the year a new contract would have to be done. The Parenting Place is available to do child care certification and training. **Motion** to approve The Parent Place for child care certification by Mr. Reichwein; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

7. Approve Strategic Planning Process

Ms. Suchla had contacted Pat Malone, UW Extension, who had worked with the Health Care Center in their planning process. She has agreed to assist Human Services. Plans are to:

- Have a kick-off meeting with staff and the Human Services Board
- Plan a retreat with Strategic Planning Committee and some staff
- Have a two hour session to start prioritizing
- Draft mission statement
- Develop final plan
- Meet with full Board

Motion to go ahead with the Strategic Planning Process by Mr. Vold; **seconded** by Mr. Reichwein. **Motion carried.**

8. Citizen Board Representative Vacancies

There are still two vacancies of the Human Services Board that need to be filled. One citizen member who is or has received services from Human Services and one “at large” interested citizen. If anyone knows of someone who would be willing to serve, please contact Ms. Suchla.

9. Affordable Care Act Impact on Human Services

Ms. Suchla presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how it will affect Human Services. Program will start January 1, 2014. As of September 16, the new worker, Jessica Lisowski, will be on board to assist customers. We could possibly have 1-2 Certified Applicant Counselor(s) in our department. The Marketplace will open on October 1, 2013 and run through March 31, 2014. This will be a huge impact on what we do.

10. ADRC/Senior Services Supervisor Report

- A new family care provider, Care Wisconsin, started September 3, 2013, joining IRIS and Western Wisconsin Cares.
- ADRC – phone conference call to discuss the Affordable Care Act
- Senior Services – on target with expenses
- New sign at Brookside Nutrition Site in Whitehall
- Chuck Arneson hired to be the Vehicle Coordinator

11. Director’s Report

- Ms. Suchla attended a meeting at Lakeview, Mississippi Valley Health Commission. We have one person there.
- ADRC/Senior Services - the results are back. Want to consider merger for the right reasons; we want to give better services.
- Energy Assistance will begin October 1, 2013.
- Ms. Suchla attended training on Treatment on Diversion (Recovery Court). There is a grant available.
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12. Review Voucher Summaries

- a. Human Services **\$82,040.42**
- b. Senior Services **\$61,765.94**

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

13. Next Meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2013

14. Meeting adjourn at 5:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary