

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Michelle Haines at 4:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, January 13, 2014.

Board Members Present: Michelle Haines, Dora Jean Blaha, Arild Engelién, Curtis Skoyen, Karen Sepich, Diane Schroeder

Staff Present: Deb Suchla, Kathy Gauger, DeeAnn Anderson, Wayne Opichka, Mary Manka, Jami Kabus

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Engelién to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2013 meeting; **seconded** by Mr. Skoyen. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – Introduction of staff.

6. Behavioral Health Staff Presentation

DeeAnn Anderson, Behavioral Health Coordinator, instead of speaking on one specific program gave a brief synopsis of all the behavioral health services: AODA, Mental Health, Outpatient Behavioral Health and Community Support Program (CSP). Included IMD and work services offered through the Trempealeau County Health Care Center as well as Farnam House, Blair Apartments. We work closely with West Central Behavior Health to do IDP assessments. She also works with Recovery Court and treatment as well as Emergency Detention. Ms. Anderson explained where the funding comes from for each of these programs. Ms. Anderson was commended by the Board for single handedly managing all these programs.

7. Mental Health Regionalization Discussion

Mental Health Regionalization was discussed. The State is encouraging counties to regionalize mental health services by offering to match local funds for CCS programs. We have three contiguous regional consortiums to consider: Jackson, Monroe & La Crosse Counties have been working together; Buffalo County has just jointed Pepin, Chippewa and Dunn Counties; last summer Eau Claire County dropped out of the Chippewa County Consortium. Now Eau Claire County is considering joining St. Croix County to develop a consortium. The Eau Claire County Consortium is in early stages of development. Their first main focus is providing CCS funds for children with behavioral issues. If we were to join Eau Claire County Consortium we would have more say in how the services are developed. The Board agreed that Eau Claire County Consortium would be a good match for Trempealeau County.

8. Nominate New ADRC Board Members and Forward to County Board Chair for Approval

Ms. Gauger distributed a list of names for nomination to the new ADRC Advisory Committee. This committee will replace the Long Term Care and Senior Services Committees, due to the merger of ADRC and Senior Services. The committee will consist of representation from seniors, physically disabled and developmentally disabled individuals. Looking at three year terms with scattering their terms and will be meeting monthly. **Motion** by Ms. Haines to forward this list to Mr. Vold for approval; **seconded** by Ms. Sepich. **Motion carried.**

9. Personnel Requisitions – Family and Children Unit

Ms. Kabus, Human Resources Director, was present. Ms. Suchla informed the Board that we had two Family & Children’s Social Workers resign as well as the Supervisor of Family & Childrens. **Motion** by Mr. Skoyen to fill all three positions and back fill if we hire someone internally and the Supervisor can be hired up to Step 7; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Suchla would like to propose some changes with approval from the Human Services Board. It would be beneficial to our department to move to a new system by having two lead workers in the Family & Children’s Unit. It was suggested by Ms. Haines to have it written down and discussed at a later time.

10. Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Suchla noted that the first step in the strategic plan was a survey to staff. The UW Extension tabulated the results:

- We have commitment to quality work
- Knowledgeable staff
- Appreciation to co-workers
- Need to improve on space

Some areas staff is not too sure of:

- Whether or not there is an improved work environment
- Whether leadership seeks out or values innovations and solutions from staff
- Whether the department promotes good working relations among staff

This information will go back to the Strategic Planning Committee and then to the Human Services Board.

11. Financial

- **2013 Projections** – Ms. Suchla noted that through October of 2013 we are projecting a net loss of less than 1 percent
- **2014 Contracts** – All contracts are within budget at this time

12. Review Voucher Summaries

- a. **Human Services - \$238,639.06**
- b. **Senior Services - \$ 36,099.51**

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

13. ADRC Supervisor Report

- With the merging of Aging & Disability Resource Center with Senior Services just a reminder that all the services will remain the same.
- Ad was put into community papers informing of the merging
- New logo – it is a statewide logo – after a year will drop the last line
- Scheduled bus goes to La Crosse & Eau Claire for medical, shopping, etc.
- The three vans deliver home delivered meals and then are used for in-town trips
- Volunteer driver program is wonderful. Drivers are recruited by advertising, word of mouth as well as doing press releases
- Discussed the nutrition program

14. Director's Report

- There will be an Affordable Care Act presentation on Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. at Arcadia High School – Room 219
- Discussed the impact in our county from the closing of the Benedictine Nursing Home in Arcadia. Concerned on who owns the license to those beds.
- Update on concerns regarding Family Care Services to Trempealeau County residents.

15. Next Meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2014

16. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Rob Reichwein
Secretary**