

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

Meeting called to order by Karen Sepich at 4:02 p.m. in the Packer Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, June 2, 2014.

**Board Members Present:** Rob Reichwein, Jeanne Nutter, Wade Britzius, Dora Jean Blaha, Diane Schroeder, Karen Sepich, Richard Frey

**Staff Present:** Deb Suchla, Kathy Gauger, Melissa Jenneman, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

**Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to accept the minutes as amended from the May 5, 2014 meeting; **seconded** by Ms. Nutter. **Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of May 19 Human Services meeting** by Mr. Reichwein; **seconded** by Mr. Britzius. **Motion carried.**

**Public Comments –** Ms. Suchla distributed a handout regarding one-day training for the Treatment Alternatives & Diversion (TAD) program. Anyone interested was to let Ms. Suchla know. Also, noted the change in security when entering the courthouse.

### **6. Staff Presentation: Community Response, Melissa Jenneman**

Ms. Jenneman informed the Board on a potential new service for families – Community Response. A draft brochure was handed out explaining the program. Community Response is a voluntary service of families that are reported to us, and report is screened out to participate. Ms. Jenneman explained the difference between screened out and screened in cases. This program would fit well with our Strategic Plan.

### **7. ADRC Updates**

Ms. Gauger reported that we were approved for a \$2,000 grant for the Stepping On Falls program. It is a seven week workshop, 2 hours per session, educating people in falls prevention, talks about medications, ways of keeping healthy, exercising, etc. Paula Hentges from the Trempealeau County Health Care Center (TCHCC) is the instructor. Also spoke on Living Well with Chronic Conditions, working with the Health Department on this as well as Powerful Tools for Caregivers.

We are looking to contract with someone to write a grant to purchase additional vehicles. We are working with the TCHCC.

All ADRC staff has been certified as dementia screeners. ADRC will offer screen to people 60 years of age and over. If screen shows problems, we will advise them to follow up with their physician.

June is Elder Abuse Awareness month and the ADRC will be setting up a display in the courthouse hallway with information about Elder Abuse.

**8. Discussion on Local Identity in Regionalism**

- **How Does Regionalization Help Meet Our Mission?**
- **How Does the County Prefer to Deliver Services (In Person, Phone, One Stop Shop, etc.)?**
- **Who Does County Want Making Decisions About Services for Our Citizens?**
- **How Do Trempealeau County Clients Prefer to Receive Services?**

Miss Suchla distributed copies of our Vision & Mission Statement for Human Services. The Board discussed regionalization. Ms. Suchla stated that we would like to make the right decision when looking at regionalization. More questions were brought up, concerns about centralized access calls with reporting abuse to someone who has no knowledge of our community; value localism; don't want people to get lost in the system; what is the cost to keeping it local; what can be gained and how do we respect the local culture. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

**9. Approve Comprehensive Community Services Regional Service Planning with Clark County**

Ms. Suchla provided information regarding the changes to the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program. There are funds for this to be done as a regional model. Like Trempealeau County, Clark County has not yet joined any other region. Efforts will be put forth to begin discussion with Clark County in forming a shared regional program. More information will be on the July agenda.

**10. Update on Strategic Planning Progress**

Ms. Suchla explained what we need to do to implement the Strategic Plan.

- Refining and setting time tables
- Rest of staff to help put the pieces together

In August bring back to this Board with a timeline, action plan and see what progress we are making.

**11. Approve Modification to Drug Testing Procedures**

Ms. Suchla requested that we table this at this time.

**12. March 2014 Financials**

- Ms. Suchla stated that we are looking at a surplus at the end of 2013.
- 2014 (January-March) financial report was distributed
- Children's placements we are over
- Outpatient program, huge savings due to Affordable Care Act (they have insurance)
- State placement for some children is our only option

**13. Review Voucher Summaries**

<b>a. Human Services</b>	<b>\$187,822.21</b>
<b>b. Aging</b>	<b>\$ 43,390.54</b>

**Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to approve the vouchers; **seconded** by Miss Nutter. **Motion carried.**

Question was raised by Ms. Nutter as to why they had to sign all the vouchers when they were reviewed by the Audit Committee. Will be discussed at the July meeting.

**14. Next Meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2014**

**15. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rob Reichwein**  
**Secretary**