

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Mr. Skoyen at 4:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, May 4, 2015.

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

Staff Present: Deb Suchla, Erica Anderson (guest speaker), Kathy Gauger, Melissa Jenneman, Erin Hilleshiem, Chuck Arneson, DeeAnn Anderson, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

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

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Frey to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2015 meeting as amended (Agenda item #10); **seconded** by Mr. Britzius. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – introduction of Erin Hilleshiem, new Behavioral Health Supervisor.

6. NAMI Presentation

Erica Anderson from the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) stated that they have been operating since 2012. Their three main goals are: support, education and advocacy. They would like to see increased collaboration with county agencies. They are a non-profit organization that survives on fund raisers and donations. Brochures are available at the ADRC office.

7. Van Parking Proposal

Ms. Gauger and Mr. Arneson had informed the Board several months ago about the dilemma of where to park the vans that had previously been stored at the Trempealeau County Health Care Center, that now have been torn down. After talking with Dave Lyga, Highway Commissioner, there is a shed we could build onto. A 24' x 40' would hold four vans at a cost of \$8,950. A second bid from Rieck Construction for the same size is \$12,500. Need to draw up a contract. **Motion** by Mr. Reichwein to draw up a contract and go with the bid from the Highway Department; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

8. Foster Parent Appreciation Event – Request to Purchase Food

May is Foster Parent Appreciation month. Ms. Jenneman is requesting permission to purchase food for the Foster Parent picnic on Monday, May 11. **Motion** by Mr. Britzius to approve purchases for the picnic; **seconded** by Ms. Nutter. **Motion approved.**

9. Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Suchla did a presentation on progress of the Human Services Strategic Plan. She distributed to the Committee members documents to measure success of the plan. This will be discussed in June.

10. ADRC by the Numbers

It is time to begin talking about the three year plan that starts January 1, 2016. The plan will cover six different areas with three goals, one for each year of the plan. Proposing doing a survey for people 60 years or older to complete. May is Aging & Disability month and an open house is being planned for Wednesday, May 27 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. State Senator, Kathleen Vinehout will be attending. A special Human Services meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m.

11. Update(s) on State Budget

Ms. Suchla along with other members of the Wisconsin County's Association attended Human Services Day at the State Capitol. Spoke with several legislators.

12. Hiring Update

The Behavioral Health Supervisor position has been filled. The Child Protection position has been filled with our Intern, Teah Stensven. Our Disability Benefit Specialist will be leaving in June.

13. Financial Reports

Ms. Suchla briefed the Board on the first quarter financial report. Meth and heroin use is spiking and may impact the Behavioral Health budget.

14. Next Meeting will be Monday, June 1, 2015

15. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary