

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Curtis Skoyen at 3:35 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, April 4, 2016.

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

Staff Present: Deb Suchla, Kayla Ryan, Erin Herber, Kathy Gauger, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Mr. Frey to adopt the presented agenda and moving agenda No. 9 to No. 6; **seconded** by Ms. Nutter. **Motion carried.**

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Mr. Frey to accept the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting; **seconded** by Mr. Britzius. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – Deb introduced Erin Herber, our new Family & Children’s Supervisor. Ms. Herber previously worked for our CST program.

6. Nutrition Program Wait List Discussion/Approval

At the March Human Services Board meeting the nutrition program wait list was discussed. Before passing a wait list they requested someone from the State to give them answers to their questions. A telephone conference was set up with Pam Van Kampen from the Nutrition Team from Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR). There was good discussion. The end result of this conference call was that they did not have to pass this wait list right now. Ms. Gauger will bring back next month for review of the draft policy.

7. Nutrition Financial Future Committee Update

Ms. Suchla stated that the Nutrition Financial Future Committee: Curtis Skoyen, Dick Frey, Deb Suchla, Kathy Gauger, Carol Anderson and Kathy Lee had met and reviewed budgets and numbers served. The next meeting will be Monday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Brookside. Goal is to have some recommendations to bring back to this board to consider for the upcoming July meeting.

8. Discuss Family Care/IRIS Concept Paper from DHS

Last month this Board had briefly discussed Family Care/IRIS Concept Paper from DHS. Since that date Ms. Gauger has attended a hearing. Ms. Suchla distributed an updated copy of the report. Basically talks about what Family Care is going to look like in Wisconsin. Discussion followed.

9. Meals for Recovery Court Banquet and Foster Care Parents Picnic Approval

May is Foster Care Appreciation Month. Ms. Suchla was asking for prior approval to purchase the meat for the Foster Parents Appreciation picnic the last week of May at Melby Park. **Motion** was made by Mr. Britzius to approve purchasing the meat the foster care parents’ picnic; **seconded** by Ms. Nutter. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Suchla requested approval to pay for current recovery participants, up to 30 meals, for the Recovery Court 10th anniversary banquet on May 4 at Sweet Temptations in Whitehall. **Motion** was made by Mr. Britzius to approve purchasing up to 30 meals for recovery court participants; **seconded** by Ms. Nutter. **Motion carried.**

10. Personnel Update

Filled two vacancies: Brooke Bauer was hired in Family & Children's Unit. Brooke had been helping us in FCS on a temporary basis. Clarissa Ahlquist will be starting on May 16. Heather Young started the end of March in our Economic Support Section. We will be doing second interviews for the CLTS/CCS position.

11. Financials

A financial handout was distributed and discussed. Gave an update on Family Care.

12. Next Meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2016

Reminder: June meeting will be in the Packer Room

13. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Reichwein
Secretary