

Trempealeau County Human Services Board Meeting

Meeting called to order by Richard Frey at 4:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room at the Trempealeau County Government Center, Whitehall, Wisconsin on Monday, November 14, 2016.

Board Members Present: Dick Frey, Jeanne Nutter, Dick Sacia, Diane Schroeder, Dora Jean Blaha, Karen Sepich, Michelle Haines

Staff Present: Deb Suchla, Kathy Gauger, Mary Manka

Notice was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion by [redacted] to adopt the presented agenda; **seconded** by [redacted]. **Motion carried.** *Mr. Frey noted that adoption of an agenda is no longer needed. Moving agenda items around is allowed.

Minutes of Prior Human Services Board Meeting – Motion by Ms. Nutter to accept the minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments – Dick Sacia, Wade Britzius' replacement on the County Board and Human Services Committee, was introduced.

6. County Budget Update

Mr. Frey gave a brief run-down of what decisions the County Board would be facing on Tuesday, November 15 at the full County Board meeting.

7. Request Approval for Sale of Vehicle

Tabled

8. ADRC Satisfaction Survey Results

Ms. Gauger went through the survey results noting how the Aging & Disability Resource Center scored in each category. The State contracts with an organization that randomly calls people who have been customers of the ADRC to answer their questions. With fairly new staff, the ADRC did very well. Congratulations!

9. ADRC Lease Negotiation Process

Ms. Suchla and Ms. Gauger explained the proposed ADRC lease negotiation process. Mr. Radtke, Corp Counsel, is working on the wording. Lease will be presented to the landlord, Exec Finance and then the full County Board for approval. ADA will look at the building on Tuesday, November 15.

10. Approve Two New Economic Support Staff Positions

Of the six new Economic Support Specialists expected to be hired by the WREA Consortia, Trempealeau County if approved, could have two new workers. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Ms. Sepich to approve hiring two new workers in Economic Support; **seconded** by Ms. Blaha. **Motion carried.**

11. Child Welfare Funding Request for Governor's Budget

Ms. Suchla noted that the December issue of Wisconsin County magazine will focus on Child Welfare. Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) is hoping to go to the Editorial Board in La Crosse and Eau Claire in hopes of getting a child welfare funding request into the Governor's budget. To help support this effort, WCA has asked counties to invite legislators to Human Services meetings. We will be inviting local legislators to attend our December Human Services Board meeting.

12. Personnel Report

Currently there is one vacancy in Child Welfare. Kathy Gauger, Supervisor of the ADRC, after 33 years will be retiring on January 6, 2017. Kathy has done an excellent job; her shoes will be hard to fill. Congratulations and best wishes on your upcoming retirement.

13. Finance Report

Financial report for January thru September 2016 was handed out and discussed.

14. Next Meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

15. Adjourned 4:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mary Manka on behalf of...

**Jeanne Nutter, Recording Secretary
Human Services Committee**