

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the HUMAN SERVICES BOARD was held on November 20, 2008, 5:15 p.m. at the Sophie Beaumont Building, 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Tom Lund, Paula Geishirt; Barb Bauer, Dottie Schoenleber, Maria Zehren, JoAnn Graschberger.

Excused: Rich Langan, Kathy Hillary, Patty Hoeft

Present: Mark Quam, Tom Eggebrecht, Diane Pivonka, Kevin Brennan, Mina Teske and Mary Vande Leest of the Human Services Department; Foster Parents.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and asked that introductions be made for the audience.

2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BARB BAUER AND SECONDED BY PAULA GEISHIRT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2008 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DOTTIE SCHOENLEBER AND SECONDED BY MARIA ZEHREN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2008 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PRESENTATION: CHILD FOSTER HOME PANEL, FOSTER PARENTS DISCUSSING THEIR EXPERIENCE.

Director Quam introduced Kevin Brennan, new Child Protection Disposition Supervisor and Mina Teske, Foster Home Coordinator, to Human Services Board members. Ms. Teske thanked Board members for the opportunity to present and gave a brief overview of her experience and the foster care system in Brown County. As of today Ms. Teske reported 167 children in foster care, 12 children in receiving homes and 42 children in treatment foster care for a total of 221 children in care. Ms. Teske introduced the parents presenting this evening: Barbara and Fred Hoffman, Bridget Golman, and Kathy and Mike Schommer. Presentation was given, discussion was held and questions were answered.

5. MHC CENSUS FOR OCTOBER 2008.

Director Quam reported Brown County admits were the same as last year; admits were up overall with Manitowoc County being down from last year and Oconto and Winnebago up over last year. The Center is busier than we want it to be and Chair Lund commented "it is still a regional center". Discussion was held regarding the Community Treatment Center as a regional center.

6. BELLIN UPDATE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2008.

Director Quam reported a census spike at Bellin during the middle of October. Discussion was held on what possibly could affect the spike. The contract with Bellin is going well.

Ms. Geishirt asked if the two child protection positions the Human Services Board asked for were in the budget and Chair Lund said they were. Discussion was held with Ms. Bauer commenting on the numbers of homeless children and the Human Services Board as a whole commenting how impressive the foster parents were.

7. CONTRACT UPDATE.

Director Quam reported nothing much new in the contract area other than a couple of adult family home placements.

8. DONOR APPEAL DISCUSSION FOR COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTER.

Inpatient Services Director Diane Pivonka said the furniture, fixture and equipment budget for the new Community Treatment Center is limited. Ms. Pivonka contacted Margie Rankin of Parkview Nursing Home to see how they came up with a list of donors for their building and how they went about the fundraising. Ms. Pivonka would like to begin a similar process for the new building and wanted to see how the Human Services Board members felt about it and then she would bring it to the Committee. Discussion was held on needing new beds for the hospital, buying a brick, possible places to contact, possible bonding, press releases and media involvement. The Human Services Board is in favor of pursuing this and felt that "buying a brick" would be a good start.

Further discussion was held on an open house or community day for the new Community Treatment Center which should be completed mid-October 2009.

9. RESOLUTION "SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS/CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR COUNTY NURSING HOMES".

Director Quam explained that this is a "draft" resolution by the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Association of County Homes not to lower reimbursement to county nursing homes lower than it is - that it should

remain at least \$37.1 million annually. Chair Lund fears with a \$5 billion budget deficit there may be other things funded by the State gone.

Chair Lund asked if there was a resolution to the overtime situation at the Community Treatment Center and Director Quam said the department is looking for some guidance from Fred Mohr and this will be talked about at the Committee level.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BARB BAUER AND SECONDED BY PAULA GEISHIRT TO SUPPORT THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT/CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR COUNTY NURSING HOMES RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Community Services Director Eggebrecht expressed staffs appreciation for the Human Services Board's work to get two new child protection social workers passed in the budget. Mr. Eggebrecht thanked the Human Services Board for their efforts, citing Paula Geishirt's early efforts and Rich Langan's help at the Committee and County Board level. Staff appreciated the validation.

Mr. Eggebrecht announced that Marvin Rucker, 29 year veteran of the department, will retire in the new year. Mr. Rucker has made no final arrangements however Mr. Eggebrecht wanted to acknowledge the work the Community Options Unit supervisor has done over the years. Mr. Eggebrecht said in the current climate replacement of positions is not certain and he wants to get the ball rolling to get the position filled. Chair Lund said he believes if a position is in the budget, replace it and if a position sits and is not filled over a cycle take it out. Mr. Eggebrecht said Mr. Rucker supervises 21 staff. Discussion was held.

Mr. Eggebrecht wanted to acknowledge Shelter Care Supervisor Steve Felter for the addition of a new program called Positive Action at Shelter Care. Mr. Felter has hopes of seeing it expanded to schools and other agencies

Mr. Eggebrecht said the department is focusing on quality assurance. With resources being tight and with so many things to accomplish the department wants to focus on priorities by having specific plans and goals. Mr. Eggebrecht has asked supervisors to involve staff, consumers and stakeholders in the process. Paula Geishirt asked the department will prioritize. Mr. Eggebrecht said while there are different approaches he will recommend the nominal group process. There are restrictions based on external federal standards with waiver and child protection requirements etc.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Director Quam commented that Board members had received the material on the WCHSA Conference to be held in December. This is a great way to mix with Board counterparts from other counties.

Director Quam referred to the attached WCHSA Minutes in which it talks about a \$3 billion deficit and now we've heard it is \$5 billion. Discussion was held on decreasing revenues and problems the county may be facing in future budgets and the need to be more conscious of having data supporting what we do.

Director Quam reported that 1 of the 2 fulltime psychiatrists at the Community Treatment Center will reduce hours as of January 1. Discussion was held on the difficulty in recruiting psychiatrists.

11. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

None.

12. ADJOURN MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DOTTIE SCHOENLEBER AND SECONDED BY MARIA ZEHREN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Vande Leest
Administrative Secretary