

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

Board Minutes

May 14, 2013

Board Members Present: Jim Mode, Pam Rogers, Richard Jones, Augie Tietz, John McKenzie, Julie Merritt, and Jim Schultz

Others Present: Human Services Director Kathi Cauley; Child & Family Division Manager Brent Ruehlow; Administrative Services Manager Joan Daniel; Office Manager Donna Hollinger; Board of Supervisor Jim Braughler; and County Board Chairman John Molinaro.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mode called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

All Present/Quorum established

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Ms. Cauley certified that we are in compliance.

4. REVIEW OF THE MAY 14 2013 AGENDA

No Changes

5. CITIZEN COMMENT

No Comments

6. APPROVAL OF THE, APRIL 9, 2013 BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Rogers made a motion to approve the April 9, 2013 board minutes.

Mr. McKenzie seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications

8. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ms. Daniel reviewed the February 2013 financial statements (attached) and said that a positive fund balance of \$66,019 is projected for year-end. Ms. Daniel also presented the summary sheet and financial statements (attached) that detail revenue, expenses, tax levy and variance by program within each Division and discussed the areas that are having the most impact on the budget. She also presented a report showing Alternate Care and Commitments costs (attached)

9. REVIEW AND APPROVE APRIL 2013 FINANCIAL VOUCHERS

Ms. Daniel reviewed the summary sheet of vouchers totaling \$593,474.95 (attached).

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the April 2013 vouchers totaling \$593,474.95 as presented.

Mr. Tietz seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

10. REPORT FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SUSAN HAPP

Ms. Cauley reported that our staff and the District Attorney's office has been meeting regularly and are working well together.

11. DIVISION UPDATES: CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADMINISTRATION, ECONOMIC SUPPORT, AND AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Child & Family Resources:

Mr. Ruehlow reported on the following items:

- May is National Foster Care Month and Diane Wendorf is our foster care coordinator. She is well known and respected throughout the state with foster care agencies.
- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and we want to recognize Tonya Buskager, Jill Van Sickie, and Elizabeth Schmidt who are our teachers at the Busy Bee Preschool.
- In the last four months, we had 25 children return home. In April, we had eight children who were placed outside of the home.
- Henry Plum has a termination of parental rights hearing today and next week. We are hopeful that two more children will find permanency.
- We had an Alternative Response meeting last month and invited law enforcement, the legal community, schools, clinics and providers. Since using this option for investigations, in the 1st quarter we screened in about 25 - 30% of our cases. In the current quarter we are screening about 70%. This is due to the staff and community understanding the process better.

Behavioral Health:

Ms. Cauley reported on the following items:

- Through April, we had an additional 97 crisis calls compared to last year. This brings the total to 1,881 calls for the year.
- We've had 52 Emergency Detentions so far, which is about the same as last year.
- Suicide calls are down compared to last year with a total of 71 calls, however this is still a serious issue.
- We had a Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition meeting yesterday with guest speaker Dorothy Chaney, President of the WI Community Health Alliance. Substance abuse is a serious public health issue and impacts everyone. There has been a huge increase in heroin use, as it is cheap and available. Ms. Chaney will help us write a grant for a drug-free community.

Administration:

Ms. Daniel reported on the following items:

- We had state trainings in Kinship Care and Prior Authorizations
- Auditors are here and it is going well.
- Auditors were here to audit the CRS program regarding the 2011 reconciliation. We will be receiving \$1,000 back.
- We are finalizing the WIMCR report

Economic Support:

Ms. Cauley reported for Ms. Johnson on the following items:

- We have 7,244 households on assistance.
- We answered 7378 calls in the Call Center.

ADRC:

Ms. Cauley reported for Ms. Torum on the following items:

- Beginning August 1, the Southwest Family Care Alliance will begin servicing this area, which will be another option for individuals.
- We hired a part time driver.
- The Elder Abuse team met.
- The ADRC advisory committee will have four vacancies in July, so we are recruiting for members.

12. REVIEW 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Cauley gave an overview of the 2012 annual report and said that the report was reorganized alphabetically by Division. She spoke about each team and their goals and discussed their accomplishments from last year. Ms. Cauley thanked the board for their commitment to the Department, and specifically for the changes that were made for the staff's safety.

Mr. Ruehlow then discussed the Child & Family Division and answered questions.

13. DISCUSS AND APPROVE NEW POSITIONS FOR INCOME MAINTENANCE DUE TO THE ACCOUNTABLE CARE ACT & EXCHANGES

Ms. Cauley spoke about the handouts regarding the Accountable Care Act & Exchanges, including the "Governor's BadgerCare Plan," which identifies the step-by-step process for this new plan. (attached) We will receive funding based on caseload size in the amount of \$308,763.00 for four Economic Support Workers and one clerical staff. This will also require more computers and phone lines. Staff will need to be hired by August 1 and trained by October 1.

Ms. Rogers made a motion to approve these positions and forward the recommendation to the Human Resource committee.

Mr. Jones seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

14. UPDATE ON THE STATE BUDGET AND THE MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

15. UPDATE ON HUMAN SERVICES DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Ms. Cauley reported that she and Mr. Braughler met with Representatives during Human Services Day at the Capitol. Representative Jagler asked her to speak at the Mental Task Force. Ms. Cauley met with them last week about our concerns regarding the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP), as discussed at last month's board meeting. To recap, individuals are eligible for MAPP if they receive Social Security disability benefits and are earning income, which can be in-kind income. The proposed change states that to remain eligible, an

individual will have to provide documentation proving that taxes are being withheld on their earned income, thereby eliminating in-kind income.

Jefferson County has over 300 consumers who receive MAPP. We have about 33 CSP consumers who could lose their MAPP eligibility and move to a deductible plan. This could cause them to have medical coverage for only a few months per year, or lose it completely.

Ms. Cauley said that they understood our concerns and may make some compromises to the program. If they don't change it however, CSP could not bill Medical Assistance for their services at a cost of \$500 per month and we would lose \$180,000 in revenue per year.

Ms. Cauley said that another issue discussed was the regionalization of CCS which was discussed at the March board meeting. She is concerned that the state will require us to regionalize this program. Depending on what is required, regionalizing may drive up our costs and adversely impact consumers. If we must regionalize, it will be imperative that we are able to form them voluntarily. We would prefer to join Rock and Walworth counties so we could share providers, training, and services.

Ms. Cauley and Mr. Braugher also discussed the WCHSA platforms including:

- a) Increase funding for Child Support
- b) FSET program & their regionalizing concerns
- c) IM funding and increasing the base amount by case load

16. UPDATE ON SPRING WCHSA CONFERENCE

17. UPDATE ON WISCONSIN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Mr. Mode reported on the following Conference issues:

- WCHSA is close to approving the Redesign changes which state that counties will be able to collaborate with each other to deliver services, and that the state will treat them as one unit instead of separate counties. Once approved, it will need to be sent to DCF and DHF for comment, and then to the legislature.
- WCHSA is trying to find solutions as to who will pay for Mental Health Institutional stays under chapter 51.41. Mr. Mode read from a whitepaper that Ms. Cauley had written.

Several board members discussed topics of the sessions they attended. All had positive comments about this year's conference.

18. DISCUSS THE JUNE PUBLIC HEARING

19. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mode reported that the board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. and the public hearing will be at 5:00 p.m.

Next month's agenda item should include Update on the Accountable Care Act & Exchanges.

19. ADJOURN

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Tietz seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hollinger

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Development Center, Room 103

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