

JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Board Members Present: Jim Mode, Pam Rogers, Richard Jones, Marty Powers, John McKenzie and Jim Schultz

Absent: Rodney Laudenslager

Others Present: Tom Schleitwiler, Dan Gebauer, Donna Hollinger, Sue Torum, Lloyd Zastrow, Gail Scott, Barb Dehnert, Terry Gard, Sharon Schmeling, Ken Eimers, Wayne Hagenbuch, Gina Grosskopf, Mary Olen, Todd Costello, David Sievert, Sandy Free, Kris Dejanovich and Bill Moberly.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum established

3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Compliance attained

4. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31, 2008 BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Rogers made a motion to approve the January 31, 2008 board minutes. Mr. Schultz seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. APPOINTMENT OF LINDA BRANSON TO LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Ms. Torum reported that Ms. Branson would replace Gina Grosskopf.

Ms. Rogers made a motion to confirm the appointment of Ms. Branson. Mr. Jones seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION ON CONTRACTING AGENCY LONG TERM SUPPORT SOCIAL WORKERS TO CARE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAMILY CARE AND PARTNERSHIP IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

This meeting is a follow-up from the January 31, 2008 board meeting. At that time, Mr. Mode asked for more detailed information including data on the financial implications of contracting with the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) versus not contracting with them. Five reports were presented. (All reports attached)

1. Mr. Gebauer presented the report titled "Jefferson County Contribution to Family Care," detailing the total projected county contributions over a 5 year period.
2. The next report is titled "Direct Costs & Reimbursements for Case Management under CMO." Mr. Gebauer said that this report is a typical scenario identifying a case manager and a nurse at steps (or years) 1, 5 and 9, and what the direct costs and reimbursements would actually be.
3. The third report is titled "Restatement of 2008 Budget with ADRC and CMO Effects." Mr. Gebauer said that the 4 page report identifies each line item of our approved 2008 budget and then the changes that would occur with the Aging and Disability Resource Center, as well as the changes that would occur with a Managed Care Organization contract.
4. Mr. Schleitwiler presented a sheet titled "Advantages of Contracting with Care Management Organizations for Case Management Services." This is a narrative report addressing the benefits of contracting including Financial, Quality of Service, Public/Private Partnerships and Employee Relations.
5. The last report is titled "Anticipated Implementation of Family Care, by County, in 2008." This report identifies planned start dates for new ADRC's and Managed Care Organizations in the state in 2008.

The Managed Care Organizations; Care Wisconsin and Community Living Alliance, each presented information about their organization and spoke of their interest in contracting with Jefferson County. Ken Eimers, Wayne Hagenbuch and Gina Grosskopf are with Care Wisconsin, and Todd Costello, David Sievert and Mary Olen are with Community Living Alliance. Both organizations feel that the benefits would serve all parties involved, especially the clients. Both organizations indicated that although they are in competition with each other, they have worked well together for many years.

Since the Union will be directly affected by the contracting decision, two Union staff representatives, Kris Dejanovich and Sandy Free, addressed the Board. Both representatives said that their team members want to contract with the MCOs. They emphasized the number of years that case managers have worked with their clients and do not want to see any disruption in services or relationships. The staff are even willing to move offices to accommodate this arrangement. They also indicated that if the County decides not to contract with them, many of the staff would not be interested in working directly with the MCO's and would seek other government employment.

Ms. Scott, Health Department director, addressed the Board with her interests in having the Health Department contract with the organizations. She presented a financial projection of revenue & expenses for their Public Health, Home Health and Personal Care programs. (attached)

After some questions were answered, Mr. Mode opened the discussion up to the Board members to discuss whether they should contract with them or not. Mr. McKenzie said that there was no reason not to contract with them.

Ms. Schmeling voiced her concerns about knowing the history of the State and wondering if the State will deliver as they say they will.

Mr. Schleitwiler responded by emphasizing that the MCOs will be the ones working with the State now, and we will be contracting with the MCOs.

Mr. Mode asked the Organizations if they will have one year contacts.

Mr. Hagenbuch said that they have what is called the "Evergreen" contract, which is continuous until one party cancels. It will have language in it "for cause" as well as "without cause."

Ms. Rogers said that the contract is critical because she wants to make sure that the Board can re-visit this as necessary.

Mr. Schleitwiler said that they will have ongoing discussions with the MCOs that will address any issue that may arise.

Mr. Sievert added that they also have obligations to report to many entities.

After some discussion, Mr. McKenzie made a motion to contract the Human Services Long Term Support Social Workers to the Managed Care Organizations. Mr. Powers seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF SPACE PLANNING FOR POTENTIAL LOCATION OF CARE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN HUMAN SERVICES/HEALTH BUILDING COMPLEX

There was minimal discussion due to the need to look into this more closely; however it was agreed that space would be provided either to both organizations or to neither. Both MCOs indicated that they would like to be located in the Human Services building. This item will be put on the next agenda for further discussion.

10. ADJOURN

Ms. Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jones seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hollinger

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Friday, February 29, 2008
9:30 a.m.
Workforce Development Center
874 Collins Road, Room 103
Jefferson, WI 53549