

**MEETING OF THE  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

**Minutes**

**DATE:** Monday, January 5, 2015

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Oshkosh Human Services Building, Rm. 33

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczkowski, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock and Tom Widener

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Ron Kuehl, Larry Lautenschlager and Donna Lohry

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Topel, Ellen Shute, Mary Krueger, and Dorothy De Grace

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lawrence Schomer, consumer and Doug Gieryn, Public Health

Jim Koziczkowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Larry Schomer shared that when he worked at Winnebago Mental Health Institute as a peer support specialist, he found that most of the people he worked closely with were able to live back in their communities and have a low recidivism rate. He feels that the future of the mental health system can be found with peer support specialists being out in the community. The program is effective in treatment and is ultimately a cost-saver.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2014 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

Jerry Finch moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2014 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE NOVEMBER 11, 2014 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING**

Mike Norton moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS**

Ellen Shute reported that the average daily population (ADP) for Child Welfare Division, Juvenile Corrections has remained at 5; for Residential Care Centers we have seen an ADP of 7.7 year-to-date in 2014; in the Specialty Hospitals area for adults the ADP for 2014 is 4.8 which is above the budgeted level; the ADP for Specialty Hospitals for children under age 22 is 2.0; for Secure Detention the ADP for 2014 is 5.9 and below the previous three years; and the Foster Care ADP is 116.4 which is above the budgeted number.

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### **AGENDA ITEM #5: FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ellen Shute said the 2014 Financial Report contains actual figures through November. We have a current unexpended tax levy of \$757,840.

### **AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Bill Topel informed the Board of the following: 1) \$5 million additional undesignated funding was included in the Governor's budget for Child Welfare purposes; 2) at the WCHSA Conference the Department of Corrections showed their new Grow Academy where some of the youth in the Juvenile Corrections system grow food and learn to prepare the harvested foods through culinary instruction; 3) there is consideration to move juvenile corrections services from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Children & Families; 4) a WCHSA interview committee for an Executive Director of WCHSA will be making a final decision soon.

### **AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Rob said Lakeland Care District informed him that a new position has been created for Family Care as a result of his appeal several months ago regarding some services being reduced or denied.

Tom Widener reported on his attendance at the recent WCHSA Conference where there was continued discussion on regionalizing some Human Service departments for shared services.

### **PROGRAM: PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Doug Gieryn shared Public Health's 2013 Annual Report. He recognized several staff representatives of Human Services who have worked with Public Health in various programs, such as a community-wide seminar on the Affordable Care Act; the Falls Prevention Program; the re: Think Community Anti-Drug Coalition and Heroin Task Force; Mental Health Access; and other programs. Public Health provides coordination for screening efforts for women that qualify for the Wisconsin Well Woman Program. The staff engages with the community on access to health care through various coalitions such as Hispanic Inter-Agency; Health Watch Wisconsin Tri-County; re: Think and Fox Cities Community Council. The re: Think program is driven by grants and a Community Health Improvement Plan. It is a partnership of volunteers, local organizations and other agencies that works to create an environment that makes healthy choices easier and unhealthy choices harder. It partners with schools in Winnebago County to educate students by offering them training and resources about various topics and integrating physical activities into their school day.

Public Health also operates the Environmental Health Program which deals with the protection and promotion of a healthy environment. This includes: inspection and licensing for restaurants, food operations, public swimming pools, campgrounds, etc.; contract with the DNR for water quality inspection of transient non-community well water systems and other environmental issues; animal/rabies control; and vector-borne diseases. The Immunization Program through the Public Health Department has changed as the Affordable Care Act started. They no longer provide vaccinations at no charge to individuals that have private insurance coverage. They offer vaccines to children, and they work with other health care systems and day care providers to get children fully vaccinated.

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Doug Gieryn said Public Health Department is mandated to ensure that communicable disease transmission is prevented or minimized in Winnebago County. They provide maternal and child health services to pregnant women, new moms and their children through a variety of educational programs and activities. They provide services to older adults in the community through home visits, classes, and coalition leadership in collaboration with other agencies. The primary goal is to keep people in their own home or environment as long as possible. The Public Health Preparedness program is continually being enhanced for responding to community disasters.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, February 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Norton, Board Secretary/dd