

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 5, 2014

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Rm. 008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Finch, Jim Koziczowski, Ron Kuehl, Larry Lautenschlager, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Tom Widener

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Krueger, Ann Kriegel, Leo Podoski, and Dorothy De Grace

OTHERS PRESENT: Jonathan Stone, Individualized Youth Services

Bill Topel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bill Topel opened nominations for Chairperson. Tom Widener nominated Jim Koziczowski for Chairperson; seconded by Ron Kuehl. Jerry Finch moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Jim Koziczowski for Chairperson; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager and carried (9-0).

Jim Koziczowski opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Ron Kuehl nominated Tom Widener as Vice-Chairperson; Mike Norton nominated Larry Lautenschlager. Nominations for Vice-Chair were closed. Paper ballots were cast with the following outcome: Larry Lautenschlager – 5 votes; Tom Widener – 3 votes; anonymous vote – 1.

Jim Koziczowski opened nominations for Secretary. Harold Singstock nominated Mike Norton as Secretary; seconded by Jerry Finch. Jerry Finch moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Mike Norton for Secretary; seconded by Ron Kuehl and carried (9-0).

AGENDA ITEM #2: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #3: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2014 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Jerry Finch moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager and carried (9-0).

AGENDA ITEM #4: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25, 2014 FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Donna Lohry moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried (9-0).

AGENDA ITEM #5: INDIVIDUALIZED YOUTH SERVICES (IYS) – JONATHAN STONE

Jonathan Stone is the director of the Individualized Youth Services Program through CESA-VI, which provides one-on-one services to severely emotionally disturbed youth. Leo Podoski said we make referrals to IYS, and they match the service to the individual needs of the child. We started contracting with CESA-VI in 2003 for \$330,000. They are currently serving 33 youth in the program, but we have a need for about 40 youth being served. We are looking for Jonathan to hire more staff and provide more service hours, as there is a waiting list for services. Jonathan explained that youth with severe emotional disturbance sometimes find themselves in situations in the community, school or home where they can become extremely violent due to their symptomatic behaviors. The IYS staff mentors the youth for several hours after school. They help them work on their daily living skills, and they include opportunity for recreational activities. Jonathan said the community has been very supportive of this program. They are available to provide services seven days a week, giving parents an additional resource to de-escalate a situation. Many of their 50 staff members are college students that work part-time. The counties of Fond du Lac, Outagamie and Winnebago are the primary referral sources to IYS.

AGENDA ITEM #6: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel referred to the chart of placement statistics through March. The Juvenile Corrections average daily population (ADP) remained at 3.0; Residential Care Centers' average has declined slightly from 12.6 to 11.6; the ADP for Specialty Hospitals, adult population admissions is slightly down to 4.9 from February's 5.5 ADP; the ADP for Specialty Hospitals for individuals under age 22 has changed from 1.6 in February to 2.7 in March; the Secure Detention ADP is at 5.7 or a decrease from 6.4; and Foster Care's ADP is 107.5 or a decrease from 110 in February. Bill said Foster Care is our least costly service.

AGENDA ITEM #7: FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Topel said we will have a full financial report at next month's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8: DISCUSS POSSIBLE LETTER TO DHS RE: MONTHLY RENT PAYMENT FOR SEX OFFENDERS

Jerry Finch asked the Board to support Senator Mike Ellis in his concern regarding the amount of rent that is paid by the state for sex offenders, which could be up to \$2,200 per month. Jerry suggested we send a letter to the Department of Health Services to express our support of the recommendations listed in the report from the Legislative Audit Bureau to reduce the cost of supervised release placements, such as establishing written policy to guide the process in identifying potential residences. Tom Widener moved that we approve the request to send a letter to DHS; seconded by Mike Norton and carried unanimously. Bill Topel will draft and send the letter on behalf of the Board.

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AGENDA ITEM #9: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel reminded the Board of the WCHSA Conference which will be held on May 13-15 at the Osthoff Resort. At that conference there will be a chance for counties to vote on the WCHSA organizational structure.

AGENDA ITEM #10: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Donna Lohry reported on her attendance at an Oshkosh Transit Authority Committee meeting.

Rob Paterson also attended the Oshkosh Transit Authority meeting.

With no further business Jerry Finch moved for adjournment; seconded by Ron Kuehl and carried at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, June 2, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Norton, Board Secretary/dd