

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 2, 2014

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Rm. 33

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, Ellen Shute, Tom Saari, Mary Krueger, Mark Weisensel and Dorothy De Grace

OTHERS PRESENT: Nickolas Musson, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Charles Hodge, interested citizen

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

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2014 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Jerry Finch moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Larry Lautenschlager and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2014 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Rob Paterson moved for acceptance of these minutes; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Ellen Shute referred to the Inpatient & Institutional Utilization graph and pointed out that in the Child Welfare Division, Juvenile Corrections there was an average daily population (ADP) of 3.2 through April; Residential Care Centers had an ADP of 11.1 which is slightly above the 10.1 at the end of last year. In the Behavioral Health & Long Term Support Divisions for specialty hospitals for adults there was an ADP of 4.6 or slightly above the budgeted number; the ADP for children in specialty hospitals was 1.8 or the same as at the end of 2013. The ADP for Secure Detention was 5.6 which is down from 7.5 at the end of last year. Foster Care's ADP was 108.3 compared to the 94.7 from last year, which is a good trend.

AGENDA ITEM #5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Ellen Shute said we had slightly over \$1 million in surplus at the end of 2013, of which \$517,000 is related to Labor unexpended tax levy.

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Ellen referred to the 2014 Financial Report with actual numbers through April. It shows \$689,530 unexpended tax levy, of which \$124,007 is related to Labor.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel reported that he was pleased with this year's WCHSA Conference, which he attended along with several Board members in May. At that conference the WCHSA Executive Committee voted (33 ayes and 10 nays) for a change to its format by being a professional organization comprised of Human Service Directors.

Bill reported that the County Board toured our Neenah building on May 19.

Bill shared a copy of a newspaper article regarding spending patterns of families that receive public assistance vs. those that don't receive assistance. The graph showed families receiving assistance spend considerably less in each category than those not receiving assistance.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Rob Paterson reported that he recently attended a presentation at Bethel Home sponsored by four agencies, including the ADRC, regarding Alzheimer's disease. He also attended a Specialized Transportation Advocacy Committee meeting which was for educational purposes and brainstorming.

Donna Lohry reported on her attendance at the Transportation Advocacy meeting. She said they are working diligently to see that changes are made to several bus routes.

Board members shared their thoughts on the WCHSA Conference. They agreed that a debriefing after a conference would be helpful to learn about topics from sessions that other Board members attended.

PROGRAM: SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Mary Krueger introduced Nickolas Musson, associate transportation planner of East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. She said that in 2012 we joined with Oshkosh City Transit to write a grant proposal to conduct a rural transportation study. Mary said we have \$35,000 in the 2014 Budget for transportation services. Nick gave a brief overview of the results of the study which was completed by ECWRPC. He said that although the current specialized transportation network and the county's fixed bus route system meet many of the needs of the target population (elderly, disabled and low income individuals) there are some needs and barriers that prevent individuals from getting adequate transportation, especially in the rural areas of the county. The study was done to evaluate the specialized transportation system, identify the gaps and needs, and develop recommendations to remedy the issues. Nick said they developed surveys and questionnaires for targeted populations, and they conducted personal interviews to obtain data. The study resulted in one long-term and eight short-term recommendations for improvements, which were developed through a three phase process.

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One proposal is for a Winnebago Rural Route that would connect the village of Winneconne and the city of Omro and surrounding areas with the Go Transit system in the city of Oshkosh. Another proposal is to increase the trips that are allowed under the Go Plus Winnebago Rural “Over 60 and Under 60” transportation program from 10 one-way trips to 20 one-way trips per month. This would require more municipalities to contribute to the program.

Nick said he will also make a presentation of results of the study to Go Transit. The next step would be to see which of the options the county would like to take forward and then to discuss the funding issues. He said he could use the transportation plan to apply for additional grant money to fund some of the projects.

With no further business Jerry Finch moved for adjournment; seconded by Ron Kuehl and carried at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be for the Public Hearings on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008 and on **Thursday, June 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** followed by the Human Services 2015 Budget review in the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Norton, Board Secretary

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