

WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 19, 2007

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. in Room 1023 of the Public Agency Center, 333 East Washington Street, West Bend, Wisconsin, by Chairperson J. Spindler, who read the open meeting statement.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Berchem, Leslie Borman, Sarah Follett, Rick Gundrum, Donald Kempf, LynnDee Murphy, Rachel Rosenthal Garza, James Spindler

MEMBER EXCUSED: Gregory Young

CCSA STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Debra DuFour, Carolyn Mangan-Casey, Ruth Reines, Christine Sabel, Kay Thuecks, Jim Strachota

Review of Minutes: L. Borman made motion, R. Gundrum seconded, to approve the CCSA Board meeting minutes from February 22, 2007, as distributed. Carried.

Welcome New Board Members: Introductions were made to welcome new CCSA Board members, LynnDee Murphy and Rachel Rosenthal Garza, representing Developmental Disabilities and AODA and liaison to the respective Disability Task Force.

Appointment of Board Secretary: An official recommendation was made to appoint Sarah Follett, and she accepted this position.

2007 Financial Update: A preliminary report ending March 31 indicates remaining County funding of \$3,952,129 or 70.2% of the 2007 budget. Board members were reminded that our budget does not follow a consistent pattern; rather, it is dependent on unusual expenses and revenues that reflect program costs. Other than inpatient expenses, all other programs are within normal range.

D. Berchem questioned cross-charging that is occurring between County departments. Discussion ensued.

Status of Inpatient Care Arrangements: Negotiations are underway between CCSA and St. Joseph's Hospital to determine a per diem rate for psychiatric and detoxification services. Also being examined and further developed are quality and satisfaction standards and an effective communication strategy to ensure overall program effectiveness. A June 21 deadline has been established for completion of these negotiations so that the CCSA Board can make a decision on the development of a memorandum of agreement with SynergyHealth/St. Joseph's Hospital at its June meeting.

Consideration of Contracted Personnel as County Employees: Currently, CCSA contracts on an hourly basis with its psychiatrists and psychologists to provide services. Reasons for recommending a change to make some or all of these County employees were explained. The primary need for this request is the difficulty in the recruitment process, interest in a benefit package and contracted personnel supervising County employees. There are many factors and possible plans that could be implemented.

Motion made by L. Murphy, seconded by R. Rosenthal Garza, to allow the CCSA Program Director to bring a request to the County Administrative Committee regarding the hiring of psychiatrists and psychologists as County employees. Discussion followed. Motion carried, with D. Berchem, R. Gundrum and D. Kempf voting nay.

Following further discussion, D. Berchem made motion, seconded by D. Kempf, to approve the CCSA Program Director pursuing the hiring of a full-time CCSA Clinical/Medical Director as a County employee. Discussion followed. Motion carried, with J. Spindler voting nay.

Challenges to the Mental Health System: Service delivery and utilization have changed in response to differing needs of individuals receiving those services. Some persons need highly individualized, and generally more costly, services to address behavioral issues in order to keep them safe and remaining in the community. Some of the other issues facing CCSA include: should treatment services be provided or not for incarcerated persons diagnosed with a personality disorder or should those individuals be held accountable for their actions; determining treatment options for persons with co-occurring disorders and overall need to insure safety for the community as a whole. Local community services are not always able to meet the needs of these individuals, and CCSA is requesting an account or line item separate from community programs to care for persons needing such services, particularly inpatient, because severe and persistent mental illness can cause very unpredictable, extreme human behavior.

Program Director Report: CCSA's Outpatient and Acute Care Services programs have been recertified by the State for the next two years with no exceptions. Staff are investigating the pros and cons of leasing versus purchasing vehicles for the Community Treatment Services program; if purchased, this would be come part of the 2008 capital outlay request. The CCSA annual report will be distributed to County Board Supervisors at their May meeting. An all-staff training is planned on June 6 on person-centered treatment and assisting that person in whatever ways possible to reach success. The CCSA/Department of Social Services/Office on Aging Public Hearing is scheduled for June 7 at Fair Park; formal notice will be distributed soon. Discussion followed on Family Care.

Motion made by L. Borman to adjourn; D. Kempf seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Follett, Board Secretary
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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