

WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 16, 2006

Meeting called to order at 9:00 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, James Spindler, Gregory Young

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Patricia McIntee, Ruth Schmitt

GUESTS PRESENT: Thomas Bergerud and Lori Wittemann, The Threshold, Inc.

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

Unfinished Business:

Review of Minutes--D. Berchem made motion, R. Gundrum seconded, to approve the CCSA Board meeting minutes from August 17, 2006, and October 19, 2006, as distributed. Carried.

Treatment and Diversion (TAD) Grant--Motion made by R. Gundrum, seconded by L. Borman, to approve this grant proposal. Carried.

Budget Adjustments--D. Kempf made motion to accept the 2007 budget recommendations as presented; G. Young seconded. Carried.

Psychiatry Contract—Motion made by L. Borman, seconded by D. Kempf, to approve renewal of a two-year contract with Erik Knudson, M.D., for the provision of court-ordered evaluations on an as-needed basis. Carried.

Birth to Three Program: Tom Bergerud, Executive Director of The Threshold, Inc., gave a brief overview of Threshold's services and funding structure.

Lori Wittemann, Early Intervention Director at The Threshold, Inc., indicated that Early Intervention/Birth to Three services are mandated by the Federal and State governments and that waiting lists for these services are prohibited. Individualized services are provided in the home and community to allow for caregiver involvement. Outreach, education and therapy services are provided along with coordination with other service providers. Delivery of early intervention services faces many challenges, the biggest of which is continuing to meet the needs of eligible children and their families with no funding increases.

Tom and Lori expressed appreciation for Washington County's continued support. The CCSA Board thanked The Threshold for the services and assistance provided to Washington County residents.

Update on Acute Care Services: Statistics indicate a reduction in the number of emergency detentions, psychiatric hospital admissions and psychiatric inpatient days in the period of July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, of both juveniles and adults. The diversion of individuals to other services instead of a psychiatric hospital stay was a goal of the Acute Care Services Program and a grant received for this purpose. It is believed that the utilization of crisis intervention and other stabilization services improve the experience and prevent further trauma for all individuals involved in crisis situations. Periodic updates will be provided to the Board.

Family Care Report: L. Borman reported on a conference he attended on the Family Care Plan presented by the Wisconsin Counties Association. This program will impact frail elders, individuals with either a physical or developmental disability and, eventually, anyone who is eligible for Medicaid services. In Wisconsin, there are currently about 11,500 individuals on waiting lists for services, with 104 of them from Washington County. The Family Care Plan will give people a choice of services they need, when they need them. In five pilot counties, this has resulted in a savings of \$452.00 per person per month in comparison to the current service delivery system. Current mandated considerations to develop a Family Care Plan posed to counties include: how services are provided, what services are provided, who will provide those services and how to eliminate waiting lists.

Washington County is forming a Long-term Care Committee comprised of representatives from the Office on Aging, Department of Social Services and CCSA to discuss development of a Family Care Plan. D. Berchem nominated L. Borman to represent CCSA on this committee; D. Kempf seconded. Motion carried. Leslie Borman was appointed to be CCSA's representative on the Washington County Long-term Care Committee. Rick Gundrum volunteered to be an alternate on this committee. Reports on developments/progress will be made at future CCSA Board meetings.

Approval of Psychology Contract: Following explanation, motion made by G. Young, seconded by D. Berchem, to approve renewal of a two-year contract with Karen Tucker, PhD, to provide clinical psychology services on a full-time basis. Carried.

The next CCSA Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by L. Borman to adjourn; G. Young seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

Copies of all non-privileged material pertinent to this meeting are available at the CCSA office.

