

Minutes of the Board of January 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Maury Strupp. He stated this was an open meeting and representatives from the news media and other interested parties had been notified. Board members present were Jim Spindler, Les Borman, Harold Groth, Jim Schwartz and Maury Strupp. Also present Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Kay Lucas, Sandy Potter, Kay Liesse and Linda Hunt.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Harold Groth, seconded by Les Borman to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on December 17, 2007 with one correction. Motion carried.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Les Borman to go into Closed Session pursuant to S19.85 (1)(c) and (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data, including discussing bargaining and/or negotiation strategies with respect to certain union employees within the Department. A role call vote was taken: Strupp, yes; Schwartz, yes; Groth, yes; Spindler, yes; Borman, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator and the Social Services Board conducted the annual review of the Director. 2007 accomplishments and 2008 goals were reviewed.

A motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Harold Groth to return to open session. A role call vote was taken: Strupp, yes; Schwartz, yes; Groth, yes; Spindler, yes; Borman, yes. Motion carried.

Family Care Implementation

Michael reviewed some of the major factors to reach the department's share of the County contribution, \$450,000.

Economic Support Supervisors

Michael said that with the retirement of Joanne Faber, changes were made in the Economic Support area and with the promotion of Sandy Potter to Economic Support Manager, two Economic Support Specialists were promoted to the position of Economic Support Supervisor. Sandy Potter introduced Kay Liesse, supervisor of the Family Unit and Linda Hunt, supervisor of the Adult Unit.

Workload Report

Sandy Potter reviewed the Economic Support workload and stated that the unduplicated case count continues to increase and most of the increase is in the different medical assistance categories.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Service workload and alternate care report.

2007 Out-of-Home Care Preliminary Report

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the 2007 alternate care placement and discharges. She further reviewed the current placements and the outlook for 2008.

Director's Report

- Hartford Office – Michael explained that the Department is currently in negotiations with Hartford Housing Authority to rent office space in their building.

February Social Service Board Meeting

The February Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3005.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Harold Groth to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth
Secretary