

Minutes of the Board of May 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman 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 Maury Strupp, Les Borman, Jim Spindler, Jim Schwartz and Harold Groth. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Sandy Potter and Kay Lucas.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Harold Groth to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on April 19, 2007. Motion carried.

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Update

Michael stated that the County Board passed a resolution creating the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). He stated that Linda Olson, Director, Office on Aging, and Jenny Kertscher, Adult Services Supervisor for DSS have been working together and that two staff from Jenny's unit were hired to staff the ADRC doing the same function as they do for DSS. This move will take affect on June 18, 2007. Michael also said that the ADRC would have a governing board and the County Administrative Coordinator and County Board Chair currently have the list of names of those selected to serve on the that board. He further stated that meeting with provider agencies will be scheduled to inform them about the ADRC and its functions.

DSS Resource Center

Michael stated that with the creation of the ADRC a decision was made to close the Department's Resource Center because of the duplication of services. After further discussion, a motion was made by Les Borman, seconded by Harold Groth as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves the closing the Washington County Resource Center effective May 31, 2007.”

Motion carried.

Michael also stated that because two of the current DSS employees would be relocating to the ADRC the Department's staffing plan would have to be modified. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Jim Spindler as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves deleting two social work positions from the DSS staffing plan as presented.”

Motion carried.

Aging & Disability Resource Center

Michael presented information regarding the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). He explained the staffing for the ADRC and the effect this plan will have on the DSS staffing plan. He also stated that the DSS Resource Center Office will close at 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday and will no longer be staffed after hours. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Les Borman as follows:

“The Social Service Board approves the Aging & Disability Resource Center staffing plan and changes to the DSS staffing plan as presented.”

Motion carried.

Juvenile Correctional Institution

Michael said that he wanted to point out that the Department has done a good job in keeping youth out of State corrections but is seeing that it could be a problem in the future. Sandy reviewed the type of youth that were placed in corrections. Michael stated that the Governor has a proposal to substantially increase the daily rate for corrections.

Workload Report

Sandy Potter reviewed the Economic Support workload. She stated that statistics are showing a slight decrease in the unduplicated case count. She further stated that the Economic Support staff is currently at full staff and the medical assistance counts are fluctuating because of the new birth certificate requirement.

Sandy Hoefert reviewed the Social Service workload and alternate care report. She stated that there was a slight decrease in new referrals for the month of April.

Director's Report

- Public Hearing – June 7, 2007 at County Fair Park
- Annual Report
- S.T.A.R. Contribution (Students Taking Action Responsibly) – The Department received a \$108.46 contribution from this group to be used in preventing child abuse.
- Interview Room Furniture – Michael presented information regarding furniture for the interview rooms. He stated that money for this project is currently not in the budget and he would have to appear before Finance once the DSS Board approves the purchase. The total cost of both rooms would be approximately \$5,000. After further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Schwartz, seconded by Les Borman as follows: “The Social Service Board approves the purchase of new furniture for the two DSS interview rooms as presented and forwards to the Finance Committee for further approval.” Motion carried.

June Social Service Board Meeting

The June Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3224.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Les Borman, seconded by Harold Groth to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth
Secretary

