

**Minutes of the Board of the Department of Social Services
June 20, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jim Schwartz. 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 Schwartz, Jim Spindler, Deborah Wilke, Ken Brandt and Mark McCune. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Jenny Kertscher, Joanne Faber, Mary Knoeck and Kay Lucas.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mark McCune, seconded by Ken Brandt to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on May 16, 2005. Motion carried.

Resource Center Data

Michael said that in previous meetings when discussing workload data the question has come up to exactly what is placed in the "Other" category under the Resource Center. Sandy Hoefert reviewed the reports that she gets from the eWISACWIS system and Jenny reviewed the reports she receives. After further discussion, both Jenny and Sandy stated that they would do some further research and report back to the Board at the August meeting.

Out of Home Care Placements

Michael stated at the May meeting he gave the Board preliminary information on impending out of home placements and the negative affect these placements will have the on the 2005 budget. He said that Mary Knoeck, Accounting Supervisor and Sandy Hoefert, Deputy Director reviewed the current number of youth in out-of-home placements at this time. Mary stated that if there were no more new placements in 2005, the current number placed would use all the allocated money for 2005 but if there were new placements, the Department would experience a deficit in this category. Michael said that he has had discussions with Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, to advise him of the potential problem and stated that he would keep him informed as to changes in this situation.

W-2 Update

Michael said at the May meeting the Board questioned the number of W-2 clients and information on the background. Joanne reviewed the W-2 criteria that the Department uses and stated that the older population of W-2 clients have medical barriers to employment.

Workload Report

Joanne reviewed the Economic Support workload. She stated that there are currently 916 Family Planning Waiver cases and that for the first time in 4 years there has been a slight decrease in the unduplicated case counts and food stamps. However, there was a slight increase in child care which could mean more people are working.

Sandy reviewed the Social Service workload and stated that she continues to work with the State to get better data from the eWISACWIS system, which has been a problem. She is having a meeting

later in the week with people from the State and that hopefully they will be able to rectify the situation. She said that there has been an increase in Family Court studies but that most of the workload has remained steady.

Director's Report

- Public Hearing Comments
- Capital Tour – articles on the YTC
- Annual Report

Closed Session

A motion was made by Mark McCune, seconded by Jim Spindler to go into closed session pursuant to WI State Statutes, Chapter 19.85(c) to conduct the annual evaluation of the Director. A roll call vote was taken: M. McCune, yes; J. Spindler, yes; Deb Wilke, yes; Ken Brandt, yes; and Jim Schwartz, yes. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Mark McCune, seconded by Jim Spindler to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken: M. McCune, yes; J. Spindler, yes; Deb Wilke, yes; Ken Brandt, yes; and Jim Schwartz, yes. Motion carried.

July Social Service Board Meeting

The July Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3224.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ken Brandt, seconded by Deborah Wilke to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Spindler
Secretary