

Minutes of the Board of November 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Secretary Harold Groth. 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 and Harold Groth. Jim Schwartz and Maury Strupp excused. Staff members present were Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert and Sandy Potter. Also present Red Roskopf from Germantown.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Spindler, seconded by Les Borman to approve the minutes of the Social Services Board meeting held on October 15, 2007. Motion carried.

Juvenile Corrections Recidivism

Michael distributed an Administrator's Memo to Counties regarding the tracking of youth released from juvenile correctional institutions. He stated the Division of Juvenile Corrections does this as a way to gauge whether public safety has been enhanced due to the accountability and interventions by the State's juvenile corrections institutions. Michael said that in comparing the State's data with the Department's actual statistics, that the Department's data is much higher. He also discussed the Department's actual cases and a comparison of the data reporting system.

Badger Care Plus

Michael said that as of February 1, 2008, the State would be expanding the Badger Care Program to include a larger population of uninsured. He introduced Sandy Potter, Economic Support Supervisor and she stated that the Badger Care Plus Program would increase the number of pregnant women and children eligible for the program by raising the Federal Poverty level and would also include caretaker relatives, youth exiting out-of-home care, parents with children in foster care and self-employed parents. Sandy distributed information relative to the program and stated that co-pays could be up to \$100 plus a premium and limitations would be generic drugs only.

Hartford Office

Michael stated that the Department of Social Services is one of four partners involved in the Hartford Office. The other three are Moraine Park Technical College, Workforce Development Center and Job Services. He stated that the Workforce Development Center and Job Services would be leaving that office in June of 2008. He further stated that as partners leave the facility more and more responsibility is placed on the Department of Social Services. He said that currently the Department has one Economic Support Staff person located in the office and there are over 700 clients in Hartford. Because of the high case load, DSS staff cannot take on additional duties to cover for these agencies and cannot afford the additional rent. He stated that the lease will expire in June of 2008. He further stated that he would keep the Board informed as to the developments with the Hartford Office.

Workload Report

Sandy Potter reviewed the Economic Support workload and stated that the unduplicated case count remains the same as in October. She also said that with the changes in the medical assistance program, the report will be changing in 2008

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

Director's Report

- Economic Support Division – Effective January 1, 2008, Sandy Potter will become Economic Support Manager and has begun recruiting for two Economic Support Supervisions but nothing will become effective until early 2008.
- Family Care – County Board approved the participation in the Family Care program and the State needs to confirm the county's contribution which is currently being discussed.

December Social Service Board Meeting

The December Social Service Board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 3005.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Les Borman, seconded by Jim Spindler to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Groth
Secretary