

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 18, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. in Room 1023 of the Public Agency Center, 333 East Washington Street, West Bend, Wisconsin, by Chairperson L. Borman, who read the open meeting statement.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Berchem, Les Borman, Jim Core, Sarah Follett, Rick Gundrum, Carol Puerling, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck, Gregory Young

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Michael Bloedorn, Debra DuFour, Sandy Hoefert, Ruth Reines, Angela Schickert, Jim Strachota, Kay Thuecks

Review of Minutes: G. Young made motion, S. Follett seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the January 21, 2010, meeting as distributed. Carried.

Update on Labor Negotiations: J. Core, representing the HSD Board, reported that the HSD Professional union reached a labor agreement with Washington County. The County and the HSD Paraprofessional union, comprised of Economic Support Workers, some accounting staff and some clerical support staff, were unable to reach an agreement; and the union filed for mediation. If mediation is unable to break the impasse, the arbitration process will be used to choose a proposal (either the union or the County) for implementation. If we remain at an impasse, one union employee from the paraprofessional group will be laid off effective April 1.

General Assistance Extension: M. Bloedorn explained that an individual has submitted a request for a three-month extension of General Assistance benefits until a determination can be made by Social Security as to her eligibility for Disability benefits. When Disability benefits are approved, the full amount of General Assistance funding received will be repaid to the County.

Motion made by P. Ustruck, seconded by C. Puerling, to approve the extension of General Assistance benefits for three months, with the possibility of another three months if needed, with the agreement that the County receive full reimbursement when Social Security Disability benefits are received. Motion carried.

Progress on Psychiatry Coverage: Copies of an article from the DAILY NEWS were distributed. As a result of this article, two local private clinics contacted HSD staff about the possibility of pooling resources and sharing psychiatrists and nurses to work in both locations. Discussion followed on issues and concerns in this area such as providing health insurance and other benefits and hiring medical staff as County employees rather than on a contractual basis. Updates will be made as this progresses.

Approval of 2009 Financial Closing:

SUMMARY OF CLOSING--All HSD divisions, ended 2009 with surpluses except Children and Families, which had a deficit of \$464,797. Items and issues that factored into the 2009 closing were explained and discussed. If the non-lapse transfers are approved later in the meeting, the HSD will close the year with a surplus of \$190,756 to return to the County General Fund.

PROVIDER CONTRACT ADDENDA--After a brief review of proposed 2009 contract addenda, R. Gundrum made motion to accept the contract addenda for all areas as presented; C. Puerling seconded. Carried.

DISABILITY TRANSFERS--Following explanation, J. Core made motion, R. Gundrum seconded, to approve 2009 budget transfers as presented to balance the Children and Families division deficit. Carried.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE--After explanation, motion made by G. Young to accept the total accounts receivables amount of \$78,082 as outlined; J. Core seconded. Carried.

FAMILY CARE COUNTY CONTRIBUTION--A payment of \$1,514,000 to Family Care is to be made in March. Following discussion, motion made by R. Gundrum, seconded by C. Puerling, to approve the Family Care contribution as indicated in the report. Carried.

NON-LAPSING ACCOUNTS--Non-lapse transfers from 2009 to 2010 of \$1,514,000 and \$924,218 to Family Care and the Fund Balance respectively are requested. After discussion, motion made by R. Gundrum to approve the non-lapsing accounts remaining with the HSD as presented; C. Puerling seconded. Carried.

When all budget and non-lapse transfers are completed, a surplus of \$190,756 will be returned to the County General Fund for 2009.

Human Services Lobby Day: L. Borman, C. Puerling, M. Bloedorn and J. Strachota plan to meet with State legislators in Madison on March 4 to discuss issues affecting human services. Carol indicated that she has made specific appointments with several legislators on that day. Board members were asked to bring any specific concerns or issues they would like discussed with legislators to Les, Carol, Mike or Jim prior to March 4.

March/April Meeting Schedule: The next HSD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. J. Strachota is unable to attend the March and April meetings. Board members will decide at the March meeting whether an April meeting is necessary.

Motion made by G. Young, seconded by J. Core, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ustruck, Board Secretary
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

Copies of all non-privileged material pertinent to this meeting are available at HSD offices.