

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 19, 2011

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: Les Borman, Jim Core, Sarah Follett, Mary Goeman,
Rick Gundrum, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carol Puerling, Gregory Young

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Michael Bloedorn, Sandy Hoefert, Sandy Potter,
Ruth Reines, Angela Schickert, Kay Thuecks

Review of Minutes: M. Goeman made motion, J. Core seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the April 21, 2011, meeting as distributed. Carried.

Income Maintenance Biennial Budget: A presentation on this topic, originally prepared by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and Wisconsin Counties Human Service Association, was explained by S. Potter and M. Bloedorn. A State proposal to centralize administration of the FoodShare and Medicaid Programs into an Enrollment Services Center in Madison to serve all Wisconsin citizens and scheduled to begin in May, 2012, has been countered by WCA's alternative model, which would utilize regional, county-defined consortia instead. Discussion followed.

R. Gundrum made motion, J. Schultz seconded, to allow HSD staff to discuss the feasibility and possibility of implementing a consortium as described with neighboring (Dodge, Ozaukee, Waukesha and possibly Sheboygan) counties as an alternative to the State's centralized plan. Motion carried.

2012 Program Specifications: Copies of proposed program specifications were distributed, explained and discussed. Continuation of existing and implementation of any new services are dependent upon ability to secure funding to provide them.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT--As indicated by S. Potter in the previous agenda item, it is not known how these services will be provided in 2012 until a decision is made on which model to implement.

ACCESS AND OUTREACH--Two new contract groups proposed for 2012 as purchase by agency services, Strengthening Families and Coordinated Service Team Facilitation, were explained by R. Reines as emphasizing prevention, rather than initiation of services later at the juvenile delinquency stage.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH--K. Thuecks indicated that all service providers are encouraged to pursue other additional funding sources for their programs. The specifications distributed have already been approved by the Behavioral Health Task Force. If any competitive bids are received, the Task Force will make recommendations to the Board as to which provider/vendor should be chosen to provide that service.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES--S. Hoefert explained services provided by this area. HSD is seeking bids for a new purchase by unit service, Homeless Services.

P. Ustruck made motion to accept the 2012 Program Specifications as presented; S. Follett seconded. Carried.

Homeless Program Update: The transfer of Hebron House to the former Re-Stat building is now on hold. In the meantime, Hebron House is requesting up to \$15,000 from HSD to make modifications to the current location to meet City of West Bend certification standards to qualify as transitional living apartments. Discussion followed.

J. Core made motion, P. Ustruck seconded, to allow HSD staff further investigating this request and a commitment/contract from the current owner/landlord of the Hebron House that this current location be available to assist homeless persons on a long-term basis before HSD agrees to funding any modifications not to exceed \$15,000. Carried.

Family Care Audit: M. Bloedorn explained the report presented by the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau in April, 2011. Assessing the quality of care provided and its cost effectiveness has been difficult. It has been determined that several of the MCO's operating in Wisconsin are at risk of becoming insolvent and are being closely monitored by the State Department of Health Services. The State 2011-13 biennial budget proposal would cap Family Care enrollments at June, 2011, levels and would prohibit program expansion. Discussion followed.

HSD Public Hearing: The spring Public Hearing will not be held this year due to the uncertainty of the State budget situation and how it may affect County services. The fall HSD Public Hearing will be held in September.

The next HSD Board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Motion made by R. Gundrum, seconded by M. Goeman, to adjourn. Carried. The general meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m., and interested members viewed the remodeled portions of the HSD.

Remodeling Tour: See above.

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.