

WASHINGTON COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 18, 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. R. Bertram was introduced.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: Rich Abbott, County Finance Department; Richard Bertram, County Board Supervisor

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

Review of Minutes: After a brief clarification of the minutes, motion made by M. Goeman, seconded by S. Follett, to approve the HSD Board meeting minutes of July 21, 2011, as distributed. Carried.

(MEMBER PRESENT: Carol Puerling arrived.)

What We Do/Goals and Accomplishments: Following an explanation by M. Bloedorn, S. Follett made motion to approve the 2012 goals and current accomplishments as presented; P. Ustruck seconded. Carried. This information will be included in the 2012 budget proposal materials submitted to the County.

Presentation of 2012 Division Budgets: An overview of the entire HSD budget proposal was presented by J. Strachota. All departments were instructed to prepare base 2012 County levy budgets at a 97.5% level of actual 2011 amounts. For HSD, this amount is \$9,661,004. Besides starting at a base 2.5% or \$247,718 lower than 2011, other reductions in State/Federal funding for HSD of approximately \$243,200 are anticipated for 2012. Discussion followed on the required employee retirement fund contributions, State funding issues and Family Care.

ADMINISTRATION--HSD budgeted total expenses for 2012 are \$1,578,710 with County levy needs of \$665,563. This is \$25,921 less than in 2011.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH--K. Thuecks explained that this division is requesting an increase of \$394,471 due to the development of a four-bed mental health residential program started this year, increasing the hours of a part-time registered nurse to full-time status, additional inpatient expenses and overall Mental Health Center operation expenses. After factoring in Family Care savings, a total of \$133,490 of decision items remain.

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ACCESS AND OUTREACH--The importance of being proactive versus reactive is stressed in this area by providing prevention and early intervention services. Several community programs--Coordinated Service Facilitation, Health Families, Homeless services and Parenting Education and Support--have been moved from the Children and Families Division to this area. Following Family Care savings, a \$25,000 decision item remains and that is to provide services to those with behavioral health issues who are homeless and/or have children in need of protective services.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT--A major issue facing this division is formation of the regional Income Maintenance Consortium with Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Walworth and Waukesha Counties. There are no decision items for the 2012 budget in this area.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES--Due to time constraints, S. Hoefert gave a brief explanation of this division's 2012 proposed budget. A full report will be presented at the August 30 meeting.

Preliminary Recommendations on Competitive Bids: This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

Next Steps: Members were asked to contact L. Borman or J. Strachota with regard to anyone who might be interested in being an HSD Board member.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2011, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Motion made by P. Ustruck to adjourn; S. Follett seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ustruck, Board Secretary
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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