

WASHINGTON COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 21, 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:00 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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Gregory Young

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Mike Bloedorn, Mary Knoeck, Angela Schickert, Jim Strachota

Review of Minutes: Motion made by R. Gundrum, seconded by P. Ustruck, to approve the HSD Board meeting minutes of July 17, 2008, as distributed. Carried.

Budget Projection for 2008: A deficit of \$124,000 is projected for 2008. Discussion followed.

J. Core made motion, seconded by D. Berchem, to approve the report on the 2008 budget projection as presented. Carried.

Closed Session pursuant to § 19.85 (1)(c) and (e), Wis. Stats., to consider employment of public employees and for deliberating and conducting other specified public business requiring a closed session due to competitive or bargaining reasons, specifically, consideration of certain positions and the relationship of same to Family Care: Motion made by S. Follett to enter into closed session; C. Puerling seconded. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Return to Open Session: J. Core made motion, P. Ustruck seconded, to return to open session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

(Staff members also present: Debra DuFour, Carolyn Mangan-Casey, Ruth Reines, Kay Thuecks.)

Director 2009 Budget Recommendations: Handouts were distributed. The HSD Director explained his proposal for a \$357,660 increase, or 3.7 percent, over the 2008 budget. Discussion followed.

Program Area Comments Regarding Proposed Budget:

M. Bloedorn presented information regarding out-of-home care for children and proposed purchase of service contracts for the Children and Families area.

Following an explanation of the General Assistance Program in Washington County, P. Ustruck made motion to approve the General Assistance amounts per County Ordinance as presented; C. Puerling seconded. Motion carried.

K. Thuecks thanked the Task Force members for their input into the 2009 budget process. All AODA Task Force requests are included in the agency budget request with the 1.5% increase. In the Behavioral Health area, four items are included in the 1.5% budget increase; and two others will need to be prioritized.

R. Reines reported that all currently eligible persons will be transitioned into Family Care as of September 1, 2008, and that many individuals have been moved off of the waiting list. Respite care services will increase in 2009 through the proposed budget. State funding for Birth to Three/Early Intervention services in Washington County will be reduced by approximately \$5,000 in 2009; it is anticipated that United Way funding will make up this shortfall.

Prioritization Above Base 2009 Budget: Individually, the Board members prioritized the three decision items for the 2009 budget. Sheets were then tallied, with the results being (from highest to lowest priority): 1) Acute Care Services \$82,735; 2) Economic Support \$96,915; and 3) \$40,000 for an inpatient/IMD placement.

Motion made by S. Follett, seconded by P. Ustruck, to approve the prioritization list as indicated. Carried.

Motion made by R. Gundrum, seconded by J. Core, to request a \$357,660 increase, or 3.7%, in the 2009 County tax levy for HSD services and to present this as part of the budget process to the County Administrative Coordinator and Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Program Goals for 2009: Following discussion, P. Ustruck made motion, J. Schultz seconded, to approve the goals as presented and include them in the 2009 HSD budget request. Carried.

Agency Brochure: Copies of a brochure to be used on a temporary basis until the permanent one is developed were distributed.

Meeting Times: Board members decided to change the start time of the Board meeting from 9:00 to 8:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month.

Motion made by C. Puerling to adjourn, seconded by S. Follett. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 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.