

WASHINGTON COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 16, 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: Les Borman, Jim Core, Sarah Follett, Mary Goeman, Rick Gundrum, Carol Puerling, Paul Ustruck

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jane Schultz

MEMBER ABSENT: Gregory Young

GUESTS PRESENT: Phil Harper, Calm Harbor; Dennis Myers, County Board Supervisor; Herb Tennes, County Board Chairperson

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

Review of Minutes: Motion made by C. Puerling, seconded by M. Goeman, to approve the HSD Board meeting minutes of August 19, 2010, as distributed. Carried.

Calm Harbor: As explained by P. Harper, Program Director, Calm Harbor is a State-licensed, eight-bed community based residential facility located in West Bend. It provides short-term residential care for individuals experiencing a crisis situation but not to the extent of needing inpatient hospitalization. Clients are requested to complete feedback surveys, which have indicated satisfaction with services provided.

Update on Triangle Services: Statistics and other information on emergency detentions and inpatient utilization were presented. It is very difficult to predict the number of inpatient days that will be used in a particular year; and 2010 is projected to exceed 3,000 days. In comparison, 2009 utilization was less than 2,000 days while 2008 was also over 3,000.

Through August 31, 2010, the number of days of alternate, out-of-home care of children and the number of children placed in regular and treatment foster homes have already exceeded the figures for the past four years. In some cases, these involve multiple siblings from the same family needing placements. The number of days in group care, residential care centers and corrections are down at this point in the year in comparison to previous years. Discussion followed on the corrections facilities currently available to serve male and female juveniles.

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Laws and Challenges Impacting Juvenile Justice: Two issues facing counties in the area of juvenile justice are: 17 year olds returning to the Juvenile Justice system and juvenile correctional facilities. Current research shows that it is more appropriate for 17 year old

offenders to be in the Juvenile Justice system rather than in adult criminal court. However, without adequate funding, this would become a major unfunded mandate. In Washington County, this change would affect about 100 cases. State Youth Aids funding, covering 23% of counties' costs for juvenile justice, is already insufficient and would put more of a burden on the counties' tax levies.

Information on the current juvenile correctional system and facilities was presented. A Governor's commission met this year and recommended consolidation of the two male juvenile correctional facilities. The vote was not sufficient to close Ethan Allen, and the motion to close Lincoln Hills was defeated. Governor Doyle has deferred a decision on this issue to the incoming governor. The Wisconsin Counties Association will decide which facility it supports to close.

Approval of HSD Policy and Procedures: Following an explanation of the purpose and contents of the current HSD Policy and Procedure Manual, an indication of items obsolete and removed effective September 16, 2010, from the previous manual and Best Practice Guidelines, R. Gundrum made motion to approve the HSD Policies and Procedures as presented; P. Ustruck seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

This information will be shared with staff, and updates will be made to the Division handbooks as well.

Approval of Independent Consultant Agreement: HSD and Terese Andrie, M.D. have reached an agreement to a two-year psychiatry contract renewal. C. Puerling made motion, J. Core seconded, to approve the renewal of a two-year psychiatry contract with Dr. Andrie. Carried.

Director Report: Topics of this report were explained, including: Housing Needs; Local Collaboration Project; Preparation for the Board Meeting; Remodel Update; WCA Resolutions and 2011 Finance Committee Review. L. Borman reported that H. Tennes, County Board Chairperson, has been given the authority to vote at the Wisconsin Counties Association. One issue of concern is how to fund the mandated reviews and follow-up on Child and Family services.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2010.

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Motion made by M. Goeman to adjourn; C. Puerling seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 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.