

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 17, 2009

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, Rick Gundrum, Carol Puerling, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

MEMBER EXCUSED: Donald Berchem

MEMBER ABSENT: Gregory Young

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

Review of Minutes: C. Puerling made motion, R. Gundrum seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the August 20, 2009, meeting as distributed. Carried.

Financial Update: Based on financial statements ending July 31, 2009, the HSD has \$5,915,879 of County funding remaining. The potential fund balance and prior year revenues are not reflected on this report. The process of combining the Second and Third Floor accounting systems is a work in progress with the Finance Department.

The Board was informed of two changes in expenses and revenues made to the initial 2010 budget request presented on August 20, but the County levy amount remains the same. The revised request has been submitted to the County Administrative Coordinator.

Synopsis of Out of Home Placements for Children: Based on the projected deficit in Children and Families, S. Hoefert gave an update on efforts that are being implemented. Through July 31, 2009, approximately 77% of the funding for Out-of-home Care for Children has been used, leaving a balance of \$297,525 remaining for the rest of the year.

The switch of Juvenile Intake services from the Sheriff's Department to the HSD was discussed.

(GUEST PRESENT: Herb Tennes, Washington County Board Chair)

Quality Services Review: A debriefing of the initial Quality Services Review done this spring was presented in August. The evaluators recognized strengths in Washington County's current Child Welfare services as well as identified areas needing improvement.

Community Recovery Services Application: Participation in this plan would provide 60% Federal match funding to assist individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who are eligible for Medical Assistance by providing habilitative (as opposed to rehabilitative) community living supportive services, supported employment services and peer support services. There would be no additional cost to the County, and fifteen individuals have been identified to be eligible to participate. Discussion followed.

Motion made by P. Ustruck, seconded by J. Schultz, to authorize HSD staff to apply for participation in the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment, Community Recovery Services for Individuals with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness, from 2010 through 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Out of State Travel Request: M. Bloedorn has been invited to attend the "Strengthening Families Leadership Initiative" Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, from October 27 to 29. All conference related costs will be covered by the Children's Trust Fund.

C. Puerling made motion, J. Core seconded, to approve M. Bloedorn's attendance at the above-mentioned conference, with his usual work time paid by Washington County. Carried.

Director Report: A report given by J. Strachota included explanations of searching for a physician(s) to provide 32 hours per week of psychiatry time, contract negotiations with unions representing two groups of HSD employees, the possibility of a Washington County Community Action Program and the status of the 2010 HSD Budget. Also, there is a controversial client specific case being examined in the media. Jim requested that anyone contacted by the media or others regarding this situation refer them to the Director for response as this is a confidential matter.

The next meeting of the HSD Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Motion made by J. Schultz, seconded by P. Ustruck, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 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.