

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 16, 2008

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: Donald Berchem, Les Borman, Jim Core, Sarah Follett, Rick Gundrum, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck, Gregory Young

MEMBER EXCUSED: Carol Puerling

GUESTS PRESENT: Pat Covault and Mary Martin, St. Joseph's Hospital; Christine Walden, Daily News

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Michael Bloedorn, Debra DuFour, Carolyn Mangan-Casey, Ruth Reines, Jim Strachota, Kay Thuecks

Review of Minutes: G. Young made motion, S. Follett seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the September 18, 2008, meeting. Carried.

Status of 2009 Budget Request: The County Finance Committee reduced the HSD 2009 proposed budget amount by \$30,000. The remaining amount represents a 3.62 percent increase over the 2008 budget.

Behavioral Health Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital: Following a brief presentation on the history of inpatient services in Washington County, Mary Martin and Pat Covault from St. Joseph's Hospital discussed possible alternatives for the provision of local psychiatric and detoxification inpatient services. A work group has been convened to determine how to best meet the needs of Washington County in the area of behavioral health services. That group's recommendations will be presented to the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors on November 25. The HSD Board will also be proactively examining alternative services.

Juvenile Justice Intake: M. Bloedorn indicated that a proposal has been made that all Juvenile Intake functions for Washington County be provided by the HSD beginning in 2009. This would include Juvenile Justice and Children in Need of Protection and Services Intake. Currently, the Sheriff's Department provides for Juvenile Justice Intake while the HSD provides intake services for Children in Need of Protection and Services. Locating intake services in one source could enhance the system by providing a continuum of services which may improve rehabilitation, be more cost-effective and responsive to the needs of the community. The County Executive Committee will receive information on this proposal in October and make a decision at their November meeting.

R. Gundrum made motion, G. Young seconded, to approve the proposal to combine all Juvenile Intake services into the Human Services Department. Carried.

Director Report: A written report was distributed and explained by J. Strachota. It included information on Mental Health Parity, the necessity of an extended inpatient placement at Winnebago Mental Health Institute of a former Washington County Jail inmate, contract renewals with HSD psychiatrists and psychologists, a request for summer programming for children with disabilities and a brief update on Family Care.

The next meeting of the HSD Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008, to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Motion made by D. Berchem, seconded by J. Core, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ustruck, Board Secretary
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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