

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 18, 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: Jane Batha; Doug Johnson, County Administrative Coordinator

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Michael Bloedorn, Stacy Burmeister, Sandy Hoefert, Kay Lucas, Angela Schickert, Jim Strachota, Kay Thuecks

Review of Minutes: R. Gundrum made motion, C. Puerling seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the October 21, 2010, meeting. Carried.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to s. 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats. "Considering annual performance evaluation data of the Director": Motion made by M. Goeman, seconded by J. Core, to enter into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Re-open Meeting: R. Gundrum made motion to return to open session; P. Ustruck seconded. Per roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

W-2 Program: J. Batha presented a brief history of the evolution from welfare programs, such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), into W-2 Wisconsin Works. Wisconsin Works is a work-based program emphasizing responsibilities of families, assessing barriers and more educational opportunities for participants. Currently, there are 50 individuals from Washington County involved in the Wisconsin Works program.

Energy Assistance Program: K. Lucas, in place of Sandy Potter, reported that household eligibility for this program is based on income, usage and family size. The program runs from October 1 through May 15 each year; and the current session is considered the 2011 heating season for regular, crisis and furnace replacement assistance. Washington County Energy Assistance also works in conjunction with several local agencies, such as the Salvation Army and the St. Vincent DePaul Society, to assist those in need. The demand continues to exceed previous years.

Friends of Abused Families: Kate Ebert, Victim Services Program Coordinator, and Lisa Krenke, Executive Director, gave a presentation on the history and operation of the program, indicating that all services are free and confidential. The average length of stay in the shelter is six to eight weeks, and those residing there are required to participate in programming. Besides the shelter, other services available include legal counseling, art therapy as well as other therapies and support groups. There is regular collaboration between Friends and other local agencies assisting victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse or violence. Friends also provides prevention education in all local schools.

Recommendation for Approved Outlay of HSD Building Project: Bids for the remodeling project in the amount of \$92,520 have been received. Work is expected to begin early next year. The reception and medication areas will be remodeled for confidentiality and safety purposes.

R. Gundrum made motion, P. Ustruck seconded, to move forward with the remodeling project with an outlay request of \$92,520 as described. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010, to begin at **9:30** a.m., with Board members being invited to attend the HSD holiday pizza luncheon afterward.

Motion made by C. Puerling, seconded by M. Goeman, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 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.