

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 20, 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, Carol Puerling, Jane Schultz

MEMBER EXCUSED: Gregory Young

MEMBER ABSENT: Paul Ustruck

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

Review of Minutes: R. Gundrum made motion, S. Follett seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the October 16, 2008, meeting. Carried.

Financial Update for 2008: The HSD projects a deficit of approximately \$150,000 for 2008. Explanation of issues involved in arriving at this deficit were presented and discussed.

Resolution Regarding Contracts for Human Services: Proposed revisions to be made to the original 2000 resolution change the department name (from Department of Social Services and Comprehensive Community Services Agency to Human Services Agency to Human Services Department, along with necessary grammatical adjustments) and elimination of the word “minor” in places with regard to adjustments made to plans and budgets.

Following discussion, motion made by R. Gundrum, seconded by J. Core, to approve the changes made to the proposed resolution, “Contracts for Human Services--Approval” as presented. Carried. This proposed resolution will be presented to the County Board at its December meeting.

Economic Support Services: Information on Economic Support Services, including the General Assistance Program and Wisconsin Works W-2, was presented by M. Bloedorn. Handouts were distributed.

(GUEST PRESENT: Doug Johnson, County Administrative Coordinator, and Raymond Roskopf arrived.)

Copies of an article written by Kristine Walden of the West Bend Daily News dated November 7, 2008, "Mental illness comes out of the shadows--Thousands of people deal with it and have successful lives" were distributed.

A brief discussion followed on the status of St. Joseph's Hospital and their plans for the Behavioral Health Unit. M. Bloedorn clarified that, as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Hospital, he abstains when decisions are made related to the Washington County Human Services Department.

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

Re-open Meeting: C. Puerling made motion to return to open session; J. Schultz seconded. Per roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the HSD Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008, to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Motion made by J. Core, seconded by S. Follett, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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