

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 17, 2009

Meeting called to order at 10:00 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, Paul Ustruck

MEMBER EXCUSED: Gregory Young

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

Review of Minutes: R. Gundrum made motion, S. Follett seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the November 19, 2009, meeting. Carried.

2009 Financial Update: The financial reports distributed reflect figures through October 31, 2009. The HSD projects finishing 2009 in the black. Work continues to combine the financial books from the two floors, and they should be available for 2011 budget preparation.

Motion made by P. Ustruck to approve the 2009 Financial Update as presented; J. Schultz seconded. Carried.

Capital Outlay Request: Following an explanation on the lease or buy options relating to the HSD 2006 GMC van and a generous offer to donate toward the purchase, motion made by C. Puerling, seconded by P. Ustruck, to approve the capital outlay request of up to \$9,987.00 to purchase said van prior to year end using 2009 revenues. Carried.

Division Reports:

ECONOMIC SUPPORT--Statistics from the past several years regarding this area were presented and explained. Appointment scheduling with Washington County consumers for the various assistance programs is on target and well within State standards.

ACCESS/OUTREACH--Clients needing psychiatric inpatient and/or detoxification services in Washington County are now being served in eight different hospital settings instead of one main hospital as in the past. The number of emergency detentions and inpatient days are decreasing. Services in this area continue to evolve.

CHILDREN/FAMILY--Comparison of actual January 2009 and anticipated January 2010 numbers of alternate care placements were presented, and there should be a reduction and monthly savings next year if these numbers hold true. Daily rates for alternative care services have been mandated to remain the same for 2010. Additional funding sources are being pursued.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH--The BH division is fiscally sound for 2009.

Previous to 2009, two separate groups, the AODA Task Force and the MH Task Force, served in an advisory capacity to provide oversight regarding budget and other issues to the agency Board of Directors. Those two groups combined to form the Behavioral Health Task Force in 2009.

Changes in children's therapy, psychiatry and nursing services were explained.

Another change for 2010 involving match funding requirements for placements of children and elderly persons in State Institutes and a possible resulting staffing revision was explained.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR--At the Board's request, juvenile intake data regarding youths' living situations was reported. This information will continue to be compiled and available for updates to the Board.

Comparisons of case acceptance data from January through October for 2008 and 2009 were presented and indicated that more cases are being accepted and investigated in 2009.

When Washington County day care provider information was merged with the Circuit Court Access Program, no "red flags" were indicated. Only 10 other Wisconsin counties had zero indicated also. The "red flags" refer to convicted felons and/or sex offenders working as day care providers.

DIRECTOR--R. Gundrum, D. Berchem and S. Follett met with HSD staff to discuss psychiatry coverage issues and alternatives. Meetings will be on-going.

Sharon Martin, Washington County Register of Deeds, and Jim Strachota have been appointed to serve as liaisons to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Negotiations with the two unions/associations within HSD have resulted in the Professional group agreeing to a wage freeze for 2010, with other changes, and the Para-professional group going to arbitration when an impasse was reached in the negotiations. J. Core has been attending these sessions as a representative of the HSD Board of Directors.

Two Washington County residents have been living at the Dodge County Clearview nursing home facility for a number of years. Following an offer by Dodge County to be part of a consortium to enable continuation of these placements, Washington County has declined. It is not known yet if the placements can continue or if the individuals involved will need to be moved to the Washington County Samaritan Care Center instead.

J. Strachota thanked the HSD Board for its continuing assistance and support.

R. Gundrum made motion, J. Core seconded, to approve the division reports as presented. Carried.

The next HSD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Chairperson L. Borman thanked the HSD Board members and staff for their efforts in assisting and serving Washington County and the community over the past year. Best wishes for Happy Holidays were exchanged, and Board members were invited to attend a holiday luncheon gathering with HSD staff following this meeting.

Motion made by J. Schultz, seconded by C. Puerling, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 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.