

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 18, 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. Introductions were made. L. Borman read a CATHOLIC HERALD article, featuring Michael Bloedorn, regarding poverty in Wisconsin.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Berchem, Les Borman, Jim Core, Sarah Follett,  
Gregory Young, Paul Ustruck

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rick Gundrum, Carol Puerling, Jane Schultz

GUESTS PRESENT: Herb Tennes, County Board Chairperson; Kristine Walden,  
DAILY NEWS

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

Review of Minutes: P. Ustruck made motion, J. Core seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the November 20, 2008, meeting. Carried.

Financial Update 2008: The department projection remains at an approximate deficit of \$150,000 for 2008. Areas of concern are inpatient care costs and questions on the waiver program amounts.

Strategic Plan Recommendations: Following presentations on Organizational Structure and Inter-department recommendations, motion made by D. Berchem, seconded by G. Young, to include these recommendations in the final Strategic Plan Report to the County Board. Carried.

Children and Families:

QUALITY SERVICES REVIEW--On December 5, a preliminary quantitative review was done of Washington County's child welfare practice through September, 2008, as set by Federal measures of various standards. The Quality Services Review will be completed in February. M. Bloedorn presented statistics on several areas, such as screening decisions made at intake, placements in out-of-home care and age of children in placements. The Board will be updated on the Quality Services Review at a future meeting.

JUVENILE INTAKE--The process to prepare for the provision of juvenile intake services was moved up following the resignation of one of the current staff member handling these duties at the Sheriff's Department. The transfer date to HSD is April 1, 2009. This will be a labor association position.

Access and Outreach: R. Reines discussed the planning and development of services in the areas of access and outreach by the Human Services Department. This involves integrating services previously provided by DSS and CCSA into a more effective system. Updates will be provided to the Board on progress in these areas.

Mental Health Inpatient and Detoxification Plans: As reported previously, St. Joseph's Hospital has stopped admitting/accepting clients needing psychiatric inpatient services as of December 14. Contacts were made with other inpatient program providers in the area. Information on the various providers, all-inclusive per diem rates, accepted funding sources, transportation mileage to these facilities and medical clearance needed prior to admission was provided.

S. Follett made motion, G. Young seconded, to approve the contracts and rates as presented for 2009 psychiatric inpatient services. Carried.

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

Best wishes for Happy Holidays were exchanged.

Motion made by P. Ustruck, seconded by S. Follett, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ustruck, Board Secretary  
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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