

1 **LONG TERM CARE STEERING COMMITTEE**

2
3 Public Agency Center
4 West Bend, WI

March 19, 2008
7:00 p.m.

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6 Present: Supervisors: Leslie Borman, Daniel Stoffel, Charlene Brady

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8 Department Heads: Administrative Coordinator Douglas Johnson, Jim Strachota, Linda Olson, Mike
9 Bloedorn, Sue Haag

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11 Approximately thirty-three persons were in attendance.

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13 The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Daniel Stoffel at 7:00 p.m. and affidavit of
14 posting was read.

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16 Mr. Johnson presented a summary of the Washington County Human Services Study.

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18 Mr. Stoffel opened the public hearing and invited comments and questions about the Study.

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20 Seven individuals spoke, raising the following questions and contributing these comments.

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- 22 • Will there be cuts in current services with this plan?
 - 23 • Does the draft proposal include proposed organizational charts?
 - 24 • Human Services Departments are not a new concept, operating in most Wisconsin counties. Have
25 other counties been contacted to see how this structure works and whether changes were positive?
 - 26 • With the implementation of the Human Services Department, will current contracts with CCSA and
27 Social Services have to be amended?
 - 28 • Is there an expected cost savings with this plan?
 - 29 • If the plan moves forward, will there be a public service campaign to educate the public regarding the
30 changes?
 - 31 • A similar change occurred several years ago with the restructuring of Workforce Development,
32 bringing multiple agencies together in a single Center. Although there was confusion in the beginning,
33 the overall outcome was positive for the community.
 - 34 • Historically both CCSA and DSS have had good vehicles for community input through advisory
35 committees. Will this continue?
 - 36 • The community needs affordable housing for people with disabilities; housing options are limited.
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38 No one spoke in opposition to the proposed Human Services Department and all who requested to speak
39 were given the opportunity.

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41 The public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned by Mr. Stoffel at 7:40 p.m.

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46 Brenda Jaszewski, County Clerk
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