

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 19, 2012

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, Sarah Follett, Mary Goeman, Rick Gundrum, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jim Core, Carol Puerling

GUEST PRESENT: Herb Tennes, County Board Chairperson

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

Review of Minutes: M. Goeman made motion, R. Gundrum seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the December 15, 2011, meeting as distributed. Carried.

Review of 2011 Inpatient Services: The number of emergency detentions processed has been stable the past several years. Concerns expressed focused on services to children, elderly persons with dementia and behavioral issues, individuals with developmental disabilities, persons on Family Care, lengths of stay and care provided at the State Institutes, the inability to use less restrictive settings for less volatile detentions or transfers and who should be the responsibility of either the State or Family Care for payment for these services.

2011 Financial Report: Based on information through November 30, 2011, there is \$1,011,639 of County funding remaining. A projected deficit of \$600,000 in the inpatient services area will be offset by transfers between HSD divisions and about \$375,000 from the \$600,000 HSD fund balance. The final 2011 closing date is Friday, February 17.

Income Maintenance Consortium: Statistical data on the start-up of the new Moraine Lakes Consortium system was presented, and staff duties and caseloads were explained. Per the State/County contract, the HSD Board will receive quarterly updates. There are formal agreements at three levels as a participant in this consortium: one with the State Department of Health and Social Services, another between the five counties in the Moraine Lakes Consortium and the last delineating Washington County's role with the lead agency, Fond du Lac County.

Homeless Project: The activities of a coalition of providers in this area in 2011 were reported. A consultant has been hired to assist the coalition and collaborating parties in preparing a ten year plan to end homelessness in Washington County. This plan is required in order to receive funding available at the Federal and State levels to address homelessness.

Discussion followed on possible coalition activities, particularly those related to promote self-sufficiency through the development of education and/or employment opportunities for those who may otherwise become homeless and to eventually prevent homeless issues altogether.

Status of Family Care: Long term care sustainability and the Family Care program are being examined at the State level with an emphasis on program and cost effectiveness. It is not yet known how any changes made by the State would affect counties. The State is in the process of removing the waiting list cap; the date for this removal is in legislative discussion and will have an impact HSD economic support staff. In order to implement the removal of the waiting list cap, the State must find a savings of \$80 million. The contract between Washington County and the managed care organization(s) to begin in April of 2013 is out for bid. HSD paid approximately \$315,000 of County levy above the required Family Care contribution for inpatient services for individuals enrolled in the Family Care program.

WCHSA Conference: L. Borman, M. Bloedorn and K. Thuecks attended the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association conference held in Wisconsin Rapids on December 1 and 2. M. Bloedorn reported on Brown County's efforts in applying lean manufacturing principles and efficiencies to the operation of their systems. L. Borman discussed the Wisconsin Human Services re-design project to develop collaboration between the State and counties with regard to mandated human services programs and services. W-2, long term care and income maintenance were the latest programs to be mandated in Wisconsin. The project is looking at the needs of Wisconsin residents and how to best meet those needs.

HSD Directions for 2012: J. Strachota indicated that the following will be among the topics for 2012--impact of Act 10, both fiscally and for staff, such as the grievance process; W-2 contract; audit settlements with providers; development of the dual employment policy continues; regular examination of trends in triangle services and costs; impact of Family Care; HSD psychiatry coverage; County's Carlson personnel study; building safety, particularly with regard to concealed carry; and the change in HSD Board membership.

The next HSD Board meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

Motion made by S. Follett, seconded by P. Ustruck, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 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.