

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 8:00 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: Michael Bassill, Les Borman, John Bulawa, Kristine Deiss, Dawn Eyre, Ralph Hensel, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sarah Follett

GUESTS PRESENT: Lisa Krenke, Friends of Abused Families; Herb Tennes, Washington County Board Chairperson

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Eric Diamond, Sandy Hoefert, Sandy Potter, Ruth Reines, Jim Strachota

Review of Minutes: J. Bulawa made motion, D. Eyre seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the February 21, 2013, meeting as distributed with a correction on Page 2, last paragraph, from 8:30 to 8:00. Carried.

Friends of Abused Families: Following introductions, Lisa Krenke, Executive Director of Friends of Abused Families, presented a brief history of the agency, types of services and statistics of services provided. She indicated that mental health and/or alcohol and other drug abuse are often issues for the clientele utilizing Friends' services. Friends is utilizing the Trauma Informed Care methodology in its service delivery. Lisa extended an invitation to the Board to contact her if they want any further information.

J. Bulawa made motion that Ms. Krenke speak to the full County Board regarding this agency. Discussion followed; a formal request needs to be sent to the County Chairperson to add this to the schedule of reports. M. Bassill seconded the motion. Motion carried. J. Strachota will forward that request to the County Board Chair on behalf of the HSD Board.

Introduction of Behavioral Health Manager: Eric Diamond gave a brief history of his education and work experience. He elaborated on his philosophy and approaches to services for clients with behavioral health issues, including recovery, hope, wellness and safety. The Board welcomed Eric to HSD.

Multi County Fraud Agreement/WHEAP Review: Handouts on the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) were distributed and explained by S. Potter. The State recently conducted a review, and Washington County received a majority of very good or exemplary scores with only a few corrective measures.

Sandy discussed recipient fraud, investigations and benefit recovery. Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington Counties have formed a fraud consortium. In addition, Washington County contracts with a firm in Germantown to conduct fraud investigations.

Youth Treatment Center Update: J. Strachota explained draft agreements between HSD and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to address use of the reserve account funds resulting from an audit finding. These funds are due to overpayments totaling \$409,164 made by the County to LSS for services at the Youth Treatment Center for the last several years. After receiving an initial repayment of \$100,000 from LSS, J. Strachota is proposing that the final \$309,164 be repaid in program and structure enhancements rather than a direct monetary transfer. Two committees, comprised of LSS, Washington County and their auditor representatives, would mutually decide how best to accomplish this.

Following further discussion, all HSD Board members, except M. Bassill, agreed that the approach explained is acceptable to resolve the current reserve fund issue with LSS.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013, to begin at 8:00 a.m.

The 2012 HSD Annual Report will be presented to the full County Board in June. If anyone has anything they would suggest for inclusion in that report, contact J. Strachota.

Motion made by D. Eyre, seconded by K. Deiss, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Eyre, Board Secretary  
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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