

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 17, 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: Les Borman, John Bulawa, Kristine Deiss, Sarah Follett, Ralph Hensel, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Bassill, Dawn Eyre

GUEST PRESENT: Herb Tennies, Washington County Board Chairperson; Mark Sette, Washington County Sheriff's Department; Dave Rank, THE DAILY NEWS

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Stacy Burmeister, Eric Diamond, Sandy Hoefert, Ruth Reines, Angela Schickert, Jim Strachota

Review of Minutes: J. Bulawa made motion, R. Hensel seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the September 19, 2013, meeting as distributed. Carried.

Report on Opiate Use in Washington County: Mark Sette, a Detective in the Narcotics Unit of the Washington County Sheriff's Department, presented information on the types of drugs prevalent in Washington County and surrounding areas. Of particular concern is the growing use of heroin because it is relatively inexpensive for users to purchase and can easily be deadly. Statistics indicate an upward trend in the number of overdoses and deaths from drug use. Discussion ensued on prescription drug use, abuse and its possible gateway features leading to illicit drug addictions.

Detective Sette indicated that general awareness and education is vital in order to combat these trends. S. Hoefert reported that a work group is being formed to tackle this issue. It is anticipated that the group will be comprised of representatives from a number of areas including law enforcement, schools, community and medical service providers and HSD.

(MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Hensel was excused from the meeting at 9:20 a.m.)

2013 Financial Update: The HSD County funding balance is \$3,049,238 based on the financial statement ending August 31. That amount represents 30.70% remaining in the 2013 budget or about 2.3% over budget for this point in the year. A. Schickert explained several areas of interest, including over expenditures for emergency and inpatient services which are predominantly due to institutional stays of several Family Care clients.

Director Report: J. Strachota presented information on two recent incidents of particular interest involving services rendered by HSD, in-house training sessions held, the HSD budget was passed by the County Finance Committee and will be forwarded to the full County Board for consideration at its November meeting and at least two items of interest to HSD are occurring legislatively. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

J. Bulawa asked if HSD has experienced any effects relating to the Patient Protective and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) implementation which began recently. J. Strachota said that not many people have initiated contact yet but are expected by the end of 2013 and into 2014.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013, to begin at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by P. Ustruck, seconded by K. Deiss, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ustruck, Board Vice-Chairperson
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

Copies of all non-privileged material pertinent to this meeting are available at HSD offices.