

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 18, 2012

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, Sarah Follett, Ralph Hensel, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

GUEST PRESENT: Doug Johnson, County Administrative Coordinator

HSD STAFF PRESENT: Karen Alt, Debra DuFour, Sandy Hoefert, Sandy Potter, Ruth Reines, Angela Schickert, Jim Strachota

Review of Minutes: D. Eyre made motion, J. Schultz seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the September 20, 2012, meeting as distributed. Carried.

W-2 Contract and the Workforce Development Center: After presenting historical and other background information, D. Johnson and J. Strachota discussed possible options for HSD and the County to consider when deciding how to proceed with this contract that runs through 2018. A number of answers are needed with regard to which entity is responsible to fulfill this contract, if payment has already been made and if the County should have more say in Workforce Development Center operations.

Status of Act 10: J. Strachota described the effects that Act 10 has initially had on HSD operations. In September, a Dane County Circuit Court ruled against portions of Act 10, which has created some confusion. At this point in time, the County has decided to not change course while the Act 10 legal case remains open.

Family Care Update: A background on Family Care and the effects it has had in Washington County was presented by R. Reines. A major concern is the mandate that HSD's fund inpatient stays of people in Family Care without HSD's having an active role in establishing and coordinating discharge plans to better serve and maintain these individuals in the community rather than long stays in costly inpatient facilities. Counties are advocating for change in this issue, and the State is mediating between the County and the MCO's. Other issues include Family Care purchasing Community Treatment Services, lack of coordination in crisis planning and continual movement of individuals in out of county placements.

(MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Eyre was excused from the meeting at 9:30 a.m.)

Director Report: J. Strachota announced that he has been appointed to the State Statutory Revision Committee. He also discussed the HSD All Staff Training Day held in October, the SafeTalk suicide prevention program and training and the Organizational Effectiveness training to improve the structure of Child Protective Services. He also announced that Lori Landy's first day as the Behavioral Health Coordinator is set for November 5.

Future Agenda Items: M. Bassill requested a list prioritizing HSD non-mandated services for discussion at a future meeting.

Please contact HSD staff with any suggestions or recommendations for additional agenda items.

The next HSD Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by S. Follett, seconded by K. Deiss, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Eyre, Board Secretary
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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