

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HSD)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 19, 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, Sarah Follett, Ralph Hensel, Jane Schultz, Paul Ustruck

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

Review of Minutes: D. Eyre made motion, P. Ustruck seconded, to approve the HSD Board minutes from the November 21, 2013, meeting as distributed. Carried.

Intent to Provide Comprehensive Community Services: E. Diamond explained the State's Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Expansion Regional Service Models. Washington County has chosen the Shared Services Model in which a group of counties, each with individual CCS certifications, agree to share resources and/or expenses with each other. Currently, counties pay a 40 percent match of the Medicaid rate for services. With regionalization, that percentage may be reduced. Eric is recommending Washington County join with Dodge, Ozaukee and Sheboygan Counties and emphasized that this only indicates intent to participate, not a commitment. The intent form is due December 31 with possible implementation July 31, 2014.

Motion made by S. Follett, seconded by D. Eyre, authorizing HSD staff's submission of the "Intent to Provide Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) on a Regional Basis" as presented but recognizing that some details may change and include updated information on Dodge County. Motion carried, with M. Bassill opposed.

Update on 24/7 HSD Operations: After explaining Acute Care Services (ACS) statistical data, D. DuFour reported that a new tool is being used to determine the suicide risk of inmates in the Jail, which could result in needing fewer ACS assessments. She indicated that ACS is moving back to the Behavioral Health Division which should provide a stronger continuum of care and that juvenile intake services continue in its current format.

Deb described the ACS staffing pattern, adding that having one person doing all clinical supervision is cumbersome and being examined. They are also looking at moving the AODA case manager position into the ACS team. A Survivors of Suicide Loss support group is being facilitated by certified ACS staff. ASIST training continues, and Safe Talk on suicide awareness is available to educate first responders and others.

Early Intervention Services: S. Hoefert discussed a pilot program providing early intervention services to those involved in the Juvenile Justice system. The continuum of services to be provided include educating school personnel on children with co-occurring disorders and to law enforcement on alternatives to charges to reduce the number of court appearances, mentoring, family training and supervision services in a wrap-around fashion for children 12 and under. This program uses an evidence-based research model and consultation with behavioral health professionals as needed. This pilot program could be expanded.

Recent Changes in Affordable Health Care Act: S. Potter presented statistical information on the State's Economic Support Consortia, including comparisons from November 2012 and 2013. The Moraine Lakes Consortium, along with other consortia, continues to improve in nearly all categories being recorded and analyzed.

She explained changes and delays in implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act, saying that activity anticipated to take place in November and December of this year will be taking place in February and March, 2014, instead. For Economic Support workers, the delay allows additional time to train staff and be fully operational by February 1. Outreach efforts are in place for the dissemination of information and assisting individuals in applying for the correct type of insurance for their particular situations.

(MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bulawa left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.)

Report from WCHSA Conference: L. Borman, R. Reines and J. Strachota attended this conference held in early December. Les briefly described several of the workshops he attended, such as making sure you take care of yourself emotionally, physically and mentally by including things like meditation, socialization and family structure in your life and by reducing materialism. Other segments he attended were on education and support services as they relate to Juvenile Corrections and coping mechanisms for life's trials.

R. Reines listened to a panel discussing the importance of economic support workers being flexible with the changes occurring, attended a discussion on Comprehensive Community Services.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014, scheduled to start at 8:00 a.m.

M. Bassill announced a Common Sense Public Forum, including a discussion on heroin use, will be held at the Moose Lodge on the Upper Level beginning at 7:00 p.m. on January 22.

Motion made by D. Eyre, seconded by M. Bassill, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Eyre, Board Secretary
Karen Alt, Recording Secretary

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