

# MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

February 22, 2016

Room 2064

5 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Colleen Bates, Nick Smiar, Paul Maulucci, Stephannie Regenauer, Mark Olson, Tami Schraufnagel, Lorraine Henning, Dianne Robertson, Joel Mikelson, Rick Kayser

**STAFF:** Diane Cable, Tom Wirth, Jeff Koenig, Jackie Krumenauer

**VISITORS:** Pa Thao, Sarah Cater, Alysha Wilbanks, UW-Madison Graduate students

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Colleen Bates, Chair called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Welcome to Diane Cable, new DHS Director followed by introductions.

**Approval of the February 22, 2016 Meeting agenda** – Paul Maulucci made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Dianne Robertson. The motion carried unanimously and the agenda for today was approved.

**Public Input** - Per Board operating procedures, a period of public input was held. No one was present for public input. A motion was made by Joel Mikelson to close the public input session. Second by Rick Kayser. The motion carried unanimously and the Public Input session was closed.

**Approval of the January 25, 2016 meeting Minutes** - Lorraine Henning made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated January 25, 2016. Second by Tami Schraufnagel. The motion carried unanimously and the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

**Review/Approval of December (Period 12) Financial Statements including the Alternate Care report** – Jeff reported on the:

- Alternate Care report
- Expenditures by program
- Adult Mental Health Residential and Institutional Expenses and Revenues

Nick asked about the overtime report for 2015 – \$300,000+ for DHS? This could be as a result of the IM Consortium but Jeff will research this amount and report at the next meeting.

Colleen asked if there was a way to indicate on our reports what services are “court ordered” --meaning we have no control over some services. Jeff said this is possible.

**-Discussion about the crisis program** – Request by the Board for an update from Ron Hon. The suggestion was made that when the new four bed crisis facility opened, that there be publicity/ a ribbon cutting ceremony/ public awareness about the event. The facility is for Eau Claire County residents only.

-Colleen asked if DHS staff plan to attend the Mental Health Summit by UW-Extension office being planned for the end of the summer? Jackie will try to obtain the agenda from Brook Berg if it's out yet and include the MH Summit details in the meeting minutes when known.

**Program Updates** – Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake School – Tom Wirth

Tom gave a program update on Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake School since there has been allegations of abuse reports at both facilities. None of the clients (5) from Eau Claire County were involved in any of the allegations. There is also an Interim Secretary for the Dept of Corrections as the current Secretary resigned on Friday February 19. There is talk about Milwaukee County Board pulling all of their kids out of the facilities which would put the other counties at a significant disadvantage as far as costs go. We have started to think about our options if this would happen:

- 180-Day program – Nick suggested a “modified” 180 day program.
- Do we need further action? Do we need to let the County Board know of this situation? Should we give a special oral report to the Co. Board? Send an email/letter to Gregg Moore and Kathy Schauf. Diane will follow up with Kathy about this topic and possibly attend the March 1 County Board meeting.

**Director’s Report** – Diane Cable, DHS Director & Tom Wirth, Deputy Director

Program Prioritization using performance management outcomes report – Co. Administrator has asked us to review our program outcome data. At the meeting in January we asked the HS Bd members how they wanted to participate in this task. Feedback is that they would like to have a combination of HS board members input but recommendations from the DHS staff on performance management outcome data. It was agreed that mental health is a priority. How do we want to complete this task? One long extended meeting? Combine it with orientation meeting for new HS Board members in April? It was suggested we schedule a special separate Human Services Board meeting just for this task.

Legislative updates – Diane reported on some legislative issues we have expressed concerns about in the past:

- 17 year old juveniles returning to counties – We all agreed this is a good policy but there is no funding dollars attached to the policy.
- Child abuse referrals to law enforcement – Nothing new to report. Colleen asked if we need a resolution about this proposal. Can we get a copy from Calumet County (Alice)? Then Colleen and Keith meet to see if we need to draft a resolution for Eau Claire County.
- Extra mental health dollars not worth pursuing as there is not enough money to spread across 72 counties.

**Personnel Update** – Jackie reported on the current vacancies for the department.

**Future agenda items:**

- Crisis Program Update – Ron Hon
- Statistics on homeless children in Eau Claire County (approx. 236 kids)
- Annual Community Support Program (CSP) Update by Ron Hon
- Adult Protective Placement program Update
- Children’s Community Options Program (COP) Update

Lorraine Henning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Joel Mikelson .  
The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next regular Human Services Board meeting will be **Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5 p.m. in Room 2064.**

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Jackie Krumenauer, Committee Clerk