

MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

April 25, 2016

Room 2064

5 p.m.

PRESENT: Colleen Bates, Nick Smiar, Paul Maulucci, Dianne Robertson,
Mark Olson, David Mortimer, Lorraine Henning, Rick Kayser,
Sandra McKinney, Stephannie Regenauer

STAFF: Diane Cable, Tom Wirth, Jeff Koenig, Ron Hon, Jackie Krumenauer

VISITORS: Myron Buchholz, Jeff Smith, Kate Beaton

Colleen Bates, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Introduction of two new County Board Supervisors to the Human Services Board

We welcomed David Mortimer and Sandra McKinney to the Human Services Board. Introductions.

Approval of the April 25, 2016 Meeting agenda – Dianne Robertson made a motion to approve today’s agenda. Seconded by Paul Maulucci. The motion carried unanimously and the agenda for today was approved.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Nick Smiar chaired the meeting for the elections of Human Services Board Chair. Mark Olson nominated Colleen Bates as the Chair of the Human Services Board. Colleen’s experience and passion as a member of both the County Board of Supervisors and Human Services Board makes Colleen an excellent candidate to continue as Chair of the Human Services Board. Nomination seconded by Lorraine Henning. Colleen accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Paul Maulucci made a motion to elect Colleen Bates as the Chair of the Human Services Board. Seconded by Stephannie Regenauer. The motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Bates nominated Nick Smiar as Vice Chair of the Human Services Board. Nomination seconded by David Mortimer. Nick accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Mark Olson made a motion to elect Nick Smiar as the Vice Chair of the Human Services Board. Seconded by Lorraine Henning. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Committee Clerk – Colleen Bates appointed Jackie Krumenauer, Department of Human Services Administrative Specialist II, as the Committee Clerk for the Human Services Board. Motion by Dianne Robertson to approve the appointment. Second by Paul Maulucci. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Input - Per Board operating procedures, a period of public input was held.

Myron Buchholz was present at the meeting to advocate for the Living Wage ordinance for all contracts with Eau Claire County. He was especially in support of providing a Living Wage for personal care workers.

Jeff Smith was present at the meeting to also advocate for the Living Wage ordinance. Let's support earning a living wage and lift all people up.

Kate Beaton was present at the meeting as a new City Council member to advocate for the Living Wage ordinance. As an underpaid personal care worker at a group home working herself through college, Kate can attest that she struggled not making a decent living wage.

Lorraine Henning made a motion to close the public input session. Seconded by Paul Maulucci. The motion carried unanimously and the Public Input session was closed.

Chair Colleen Bates asked the Board if there were any objections to moving Agenda No. 9 up on the agenda so we could have discussion while the public members were present. No objections.

Review /Approval of Resolution No. 16-17/006 re: Living Wage ordinance

Nick Smiar made a clarification about this ordinance that it pertains to all contracts with Eau Claire County to pay their employees at least 110% of the 2016 Federal Poverty Level. It has nothing to do with raising the minimum wage. Discussion about the figures for the Federal Poverty Level especially the low starting \$12.84/hr wage. Increasing the wages for Eau Claire County provider contract employees will involve input from Frank Draxler, County Purchasing Director; County Administrator Kathryn Schauf; and Jeff Koenig, Fiscal Manager for Human Services. Colleen added that as the cost of wages increases less units of service will be purchased. David Mortimer asked if an impact survey has been conducted. Paul Maulucci said that a survey was done in 2006 and it was very helpful. After further discussion, David Mortimer made a motion to conduct an impact survey with Human Services Dept. provider contract agencies and report on the results at the May 23 Human Services Board meeting. Discussion about the motion. Approximately 60 provider contracts are in place at Human Services Department. Details of the impact survey discussed including timeframe to be able to include any budget impacts in 2017 Human Services Budget. Paul Maulucci made an amendment to the motion to change the date of reporting to June 27. Amendment seconded by Rick Kayser. Amendment to the motion unanimously passed. Colleen suggested forming a subcommittee to work on the development of an impact survey. Paul Maulucci, David Mortimer, Nick Smiar and Jeff Koenig will serve on the subcommittee.

Approval of the March 28, 2016 meeting Minutes - Lorraine Henning made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 28, 2016. Seconded by Rick Kayser. Lorraine had a clarification question about the cost to operate the Midway Crisis Stabilization facility. Jeff confirmed the monthly cost is \$25,621. Tom also clarified school districts track homeless children in Eau Claire County and that number is approximately 236. The motion to approve the March 28, 2016 meeting minutes carried unanimously and the minutes were approved.

Update of DHS Mental Health Services

- **Community Support Program Update** by Ron Hon
Ron provided the HS Board with a written summary for 2015 Community Support Program as well as a verbal update per the DHS 63 Administrative code. Ron thanked Board members for their support in restoring the Supported Employment Specialist position to be filled in 2016 as half time for Comprehensive Community Services program and half time for Community Support Program.

Review/Approval of Resolution No. 16-17/003 re: Examining Alternative Juvenile Justice Models

Colleen lead the discussion regarding the Resolution regarding examining alternative Juvenile Justice models as requested by the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement. We have no information on the Missouri model referenced in the resolution. Discussion of the fiscal impact to other counties if Milwaukee County would remove their kids from Lincoln Hills. Currently, Eau Claire County has three youth placed at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. Report to the County Board of Supervisors will be that the Human Services Board is in support of the Resolution but that the counties should not incur any additional costs as a result of the investigation at Lincoln Hills.

Review/Approval of two position requests - Diane Cable and Tom Wirth reviewed two new positions (including costs) needed to implement/staff the Comprehensive Community Services program.

- **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Supervisor**
- **Service Facilitator (CCS Program)**

DHS staff will be finalizing the position descriptions. The next steps will be to take the new position requests to the Committee on Human Resources and the Committee on Finance and Budget.

Dianne Robertson made a motion to approve these two positions as presented. Seconded by Sandra McKinney. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Financial Statements including the Alternate Care report – Jeff reported on the:

- February 2016 fiscal reports. The risk areas continue to be in Alternate Care and Mental Health budget areas.
Jeff noted an error in the Adult Mental Health Residential and Institutional Expenses & Revenues report. He will fix the report and send out an amendment.
- **Status of 2015 financials** – Jeff referred Board members to the DHS 2015 Annual report projecting the unaudited figure for DHS to be -\$301,000.

Director's report by Diane:

- *Stepping Up Initiative* – Diane reported she is attending the national “Stepping Up Initiative” summit in Washington DC in April. Eau Claire County was one of 11 counties nationwide invited to attend the Summit.

- Foster Care Parents Award – Eau Claire County Foster Care parents Karla & Steve Jenson were one of 6 parents statewide awarded the Governor’s Foster Care Award 2016. A ceremony is planned for May 2 in Madison. We will invite Karla & Steve to the May Human Services Board meeting.
- Program Prioritization – DHS staff plans to review the DHS program prioritization list at the May HS Board meeting.
- Reminder: WCHSA Spring conference will be May 10-12. Diane and Tom plan to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let Diane know. Colleen Bates was nominated and has been selected to receive the Outstanding Public Service award at the WCHSA Spring Conference. Congratulations Colleen.
- Status of ABLE Resolution from last month – Diane reported the Governor signed Assembly Bill 731 into law on March 30. This bill creates and allows ABLE accounts in the State of Wisconsin.
- Orientation of new County Board Supervisors and DHS Board members to DHS – Orientation to the Human Services Board will be held one hour prior to the May 23 regular HS Board meeting.

Review Future agenda items:

- Statistics on homeless children in Eau Claire County (approx. 236 kids)
- Adult Protective Placement program Update – Nancy Shilts on 5/23
- Children’s Community Options Program (COP) Update
- Rural Impact County Challenge initiative to combat childhood poverty

Colleen would like a report on the current status of child abuse cases in the Dept.

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

Sandra McKinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Paul Maulucci.
The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Orientation meeting to the Human Services Board will be 1 hr prior to the next meeting.
Jackie will send out an agenda for the orientation meeting.

The next regular Human Services Board meeting will be **Monday, May 23, 2016 at 5 p.m. in Room 2064.**