

MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

May 23, 2016

Room 2064

5 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Dianne Robertson, Paul Maulucci

STAFF: Diane Cable, Tammy Stelter, Jackie Krumenauer
Nancy Shilts, Sherill Jahr, Emily Jaquish

VISITORS: Carl Anton, Eleanor Wolf, Jeff Smith, Karla and Steve Jensen

Colleen Bates, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Welcome & introductions.

Approval of the May 23, 2016 Meeting agenda – Lorraine Henning made a motion to approve today's agenda. Seconded by Sandra McKinney. The motion carried unanimously and the agenda for today was approved.

Review/Approval of April 25, 2016 Human Services Board meeting minutes – Mark Olson made a motion to approve the April 25, 2016, Human Services Board meeting minutes. Second by David Mortimer. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Jeff Smith asked the status of the Living Wage survey as a follow up from the April 25 Human Services Board meeting. Diane Cable reported a survey was sent to 31 agency providers Human Services contracts with. The deadline to return the survey is June 3 and we will report the results of the survey at the June 27 Human Services Board meeting.

Eleanor Wolf was present at the meeting to advocate for the Living Wage ordinance especially for lower paid women who are caretakers.

Nick Smiar made a motion to close the public input session. Seconded by Sandra McKinney. The motion carried unanimously and the Public Input session was closed.

Recognition of Steve and Karla Jenson, Eau Claire County Foster Care parents

Steve and Karla were recently recognized by the Governor receiving the Foster Care Parent award for 2016. The Human Services Board also recognized them for their outstanding foster care parenting with a certificate at today's meeting. Thank you for your service to EC Co. kids.

Adult Protective Services Update

Nancy Shilts, Adult Services Supervisor, was present at the meeting to review the Adult Protective Services program as a follow up from the January DHS meeting. She distributed a presentation and reviewed for questions. Approximately 27 active investigations were completed in 2015.

Status of the Child Abuse cases for Human Services Dept

As a follow up from the April Human Services Board meeting, Diane Cable reported the number of child abuse cases for Human Services received by DHS Access staff from January to April 2016. Total services report – 105.

Status report RE: Res. No. 16-17/006 Living Wage Ordinance & Provider Contracts

Diane Cable reported a survey questionnaire has been prepared and mailed to provider agencies today. The surveys are due back by June 3 to DHS. We will report the results of this survey at the June 27 Human Services Board meeting. Discussion. There may be a need for a special Human Services Board meeting on June 21 just for action on this topic 15-20 minutes prior to the County Board meeting.

Review of March 2016 Financial Statements including the Alternate Care report – Tammy Stelter, Accountant, was present at the meeting and reported on the 2016 fiscal reports. The risk areas continue to be in Alternate Care and Mental Health budget areas.

Director's report by Diane:

-New DHS Organizational Structure proposal – Diane and DHS staff are preparing a new organizational structure for DHS to recognize the behavioral health work we currently perform plus a new unit to reflect the work we will perform for the new Comprehensive Community Services program. Diane has also shared the proposed reorganization chart with Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator, and Jamie Gower, HR Director and has received their feedback and support. She plans to verbally share the preliminary plans for the reorganizational structure at the All Agency meeting on June 1. As the new structure is developed, Diane and DHS staff will keep this Board informed and seek the necessary approvals when necessary.

-Updates from the WCHSA Spring Conference – Diane reported Colleen Bates received an award for outstanding *Public Servant* by WCHSA.

-Update on Midway Crisis House – Plans are the facility will open on June 1.

Review Future agenda items:

- Stepping Up* Initiative – Diane plans to travel with Tiana Glenna to Washington DC June 12-14 for further discussions about the *Stepping Up* Initiative a nationwide focus on mental illness in prisoners.
- Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) Update by Bill on June 27
- Rural Impact County Challenge initiative to combat childhood poverty

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

The next regular Human Services Board meeting will be **Monday, June 27, 2016 at 5 p.m. in Room 2064.**