

MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2017
Room 2064
5 p.m.

PRESENT: Colleen Bates, Dianne Robertson, Lorraine Henning; Rick Kayser
Kim Cronk, Sandra McKinney, David Mortimer, Nick Smiar

EXCUSED: Paul Maulucci and Mark Olson

STAFF: Diane Cable, Tom Wirth, Vickie Gardner, Jackie Krumenauer,
Linda Struck

Colleen Bates called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Approval of the January 23, 2017 Meeting agenda – Nick Smiar made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by David Mortimer. The motion carried unanimously and today’s agenda was approved.

Approval of the December 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes - Dianne Robertson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2016. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting minutes dated December 12 were approved.

Public Input - Per Board operating procedures, a period of public input was held. A motion was made by David Mortimer to close the public input session. Second by Kim Cronk. The motion carried unanimously.

Education for the Human Services Board and County Board members – Colleen Bates

Colleen asked for suggestions on how to education the Eau Claire County Board members, other Department staff, and the public about what Human Services does for individuals. Lorraine Henning remembered when there was a Public Relations subcommittee of the Human Services Board. They wrote articles for community publications and provided fact sheets regarding Human Services Dept to the County Board members monthly. Diane is working with the DHS managers to provide monthly “Dept Updates” to be included in the Human Service Board packet. Diane and Colleen will be meeting before the next Human Services Board meeting to discuss a communication plan and share the results of the meeting.

Workforce Development conversation about “bridging” funding – Colleen Bates

Linda Struck was present at the meeting to answer any questions Board members may have about the sliding scale fee and the “gap” that clients may experience. Colleen reported that Senator Sheila Harsdorf was recently at the Workforce Development office and reported she is bringing forth a request to the Jt. Finance to ask for a federal waiver to help clients when they begin employment that they do not lose their benefits right away. We will need to keep an eye on Madison for the waiver specifics.

Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission (WEHSC) representative – Colleen Bates

Nick Smiar, the current WEHSC representative, is no longer able to attend all the meetings. He has talked with Colleen about appointing another HS Board member to take his place. Colleen asked the Board for another presentative to attend quarterly meetings in Owen. Kim Cronk has expressed an interest. Colleen will follow up with Gregg Moore to see if we can have an alternate representative. The next meeting is February 23.

Approval/denial of title change for Senior Social Worker – Diane Cable

A request to change the title from Senior Social Worker to Social Worker was made by Diane. As done with all positions when vacated, an internal review of the work for the position is done. Reasons for the change include broader scope for recruitment and salary savings. By supporting this request, the new job title better reflects what the position actually performs as. Sandy McKinney made a motion to approve the request for the job title change from Senior Social Worker to Social Worker. Second by Dianne Robertson. The motion carried unanimously. The next step is request to the Committee on Human Resources on February 3 followed by County Board review/approval.

Approval/denial of Advisory Committee – Diane Cable

Distribution of Alan McCutcheon's application as Altoona School District representative on the Coordinated Services Across the Lifespan (CSAL) Advisory Committee. After review of Alan's application, Lorraine Henning made a motion to approve Alan's appointment. Second by David Mortimer. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report – Vickie Gardner

Vickie distributed the November 2016 financial reports. Reviewed and accepted reports by Nick Smiar. Second by Rick Kayser. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Diane Cable

-CCS Update – Diane reported 110 referrals and 49 admissions to the program. No waiting lists allowed in this program. Good survey feedback from clients received. As we continue to build the program structure of CCS we will need to expand somehow as we are running out of space. Diane is in close contact with the County Administrator about this topic and they will be meeting soon to address space. Program update by the supervisor Bill Stein will be planned for May or June.

-Department Direction for 2017 – Diane shared the Behavioral Health model potential for the Department in 2017 and answered questions about expansion into a mental health clinic. As the different program phases develop, Diane will update the Board members on a regular basis and as time permits, updates to the County Board as well.

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Personnel update by Jackie.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

The next regular Human Services Board meeting will be **Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5 p.m. in Room 2064.**

Jackie Krumenauer, Committee Clerk