

MANITOWOC COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Board met at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2005 in open session at the Human Services Department. Board members present: Hlinak, Kozlowski, Bauknecht, Bundy, Rappe, Barnes and Yost. Davis and Henrickson were excused. Staff present: Stanton, Thomas, Dodge, and Repenn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY BAUKNECHT, SECONDED BY KOZLOWSKI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRESENT. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

HEAD START RESOLUTION:

Head Start will be celebrating their 40th anniversary. Lauren Reed was contacted by Linda Gratz, director of Head Start to request a County Board resolution to commemorate the anniversary. A resolution will be forthcoming, but Stanton was asking for a motion from the Human Services Board signifying their support. Stanton added that a photograph was found of Kenneth Tate, former Social Services Department Director, and John Worachek, Reedsville School Superintendent, raising a flag in front of the Courthouse to mark the beginning of Head Start in Manitowoc County. It is hoped that this photograph can be reenacted.

MOTION BY BARNES, SECONDED BY BAUKNECHT, TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START. MOTION CARRIED.

2006 BUDGET - Dodge

Patricia Dodge explained that the budgeting process begins with taking the tax levy amount and incorporating expenses and revenues. Changes in budget areas during 2005 are utilized as a guide in developing the 2006 budget. One such change is an increase of \$6,060 in health insurance costs. Changes in activity from 2005 to 2006 include combining CST Family Services and the Flexible Alternative Spending into one category; contracting for 2 psychiatrists and a nurse practitioner; limiting Lincoln Hills placements to one slot all year; limiting alternate care placements to one slot at residential care institutions and one in treatment group homes; budgeting for one slot at Winnebago/Mendota for the full year; budgeting for an increase to Holy Family Memorial Medical Center (not negotiated yet); increased services in CIP 1A and 1B programs; no new staff added; adding clients from ICF-R slots to the Personal Care Program

Items were discussed which would allow for a needed reduction in spending of \$69,745.00 in the 2006 budget. Possible areas to reduce included: Lincoln Hills; Lakeshore CAP Restitution Program; Oaks Shelter Care; Chronically Mentally Ill (CMI) CBRF expense; AODA at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center.

Option #1 - One person, who is presently residing in a Chronically Mentally Ill CBRF, could be cared for at the Health Care Center and would be funded by Medical Assistance reducing this budgeted area by \$44,000 in 2006. Option #2 - Michael Thomas and Tom Stanton could schedule a meeting with Holy Family Memorial Medical Center to negotiate a lower rate than the requested 7% increase. Option #3 - One slot at Lincoln Hills for full year was put in the budget but could reduce to one slot for six months, however, this would be gambling that only one juvenile would be court ordered into placement for six months. Option #4 - reduce contract with Lakeshore CAP for the restitution program and have social workers provide some of the services. Option #5 - work with Lakeshore CAP to obtain a shelter care facility.

Tom stated the Patricia Dodge and her staff did an excellent job in preparing the 2006 Budget document. The process has been streamlined and CMHC has helped to make projections.

Ms. Dodge stated that in November or December, the annual resolution will be needed to make changes to the 2005 budget to allow for additional revenues and spending authority.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

CMHC has been bought out by CSM Netsmart. It is hoped that this buyout will not result in Netsmart no longer providing support to the products we presently have and the need to purchase additional equipment/software.

An assessment of our needs for TeleHealth will be completed by the end of October. Manitowoc County may form a consortium with Sheboygan, Kewaunee and Door Counties.

Work is continuing to reduce the number of residents in the Health Care Center's ICF-MR Unit. Four residents will be moved at the end of October when the remodeling is completed in the home that was recently purchased. An additional 8 residents will be moved to an HIL facility in early January. The department is looking for an apartment for two individuals who were moved from state centers.

A lot is going on in the Developmental Disabilities Unit. The Mobile Dental program will be celebrating its one year anniversary. The program, which serves adults from all units of our department, is working well and Mary Ann Johnson deserves a round of applause for her efforts in keeping this program running smoothly.

The State has mandated a parental fee for parents of developmentally disabled individuals. The Human Services Department's responsibility will be to determine the amount of the fee and collect it for the State.

The Family Support Program provides up to \$3,000 for certain developmentally disabled individuals to be used as the family desires. The problem is that once individuals are placed in the program and occupy a limited number of slots, no one else can enter the program. The State has changed this policy and these funds can now only be spent for the most needy and disabled. Board members may receive calls about this.

BOARD INPUT: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 27, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY BARNES, SECONDED BY HLINAK, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD AT 5:46 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

James Barnes, Secretary
Human Services Board

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