

**MEETING OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes

DATE: Monday December 2nd, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Harrison, Mark Weisensel, Karen Powers, Harold Singstock, Koby Schellenger

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chris Kniep, Larry Lautenschlager, Bryan Stafford

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Renee Soroko, Janet Rohloff, Annette Beattie, Heather Foust, Ann Kriegel, Kari Kraft, and Julie Kotajarvi

OTHERS PRESENT ON TEAMS: Alana Erickson (3:07 p.m.)

Vice Chairman Ralph Harrison called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM B: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM D1: DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Items were out of order waiting on another board member to arrive. Renee Soroko reported we currently have 15 positions open. Interviews are underway. There have been offers made and some accepted starting in January 2025. Questions around recruitment/application process and Tyler/Munis software ability. We are meeting with Human Resources to continue discussions.

AGENDA ITEM C1: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2024 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Karen Powers arrival at 2:06 p.m. allowed the board to accept the minutes. Ralph Harrison moved for approval; seconded by Karen Powers and carried unanimously. (5-0)

AGENDA ITEM C2: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14TH, 2024 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mark Weinsenal moved for acceptance; seconded by Harold Singstock and carried unanimously. (5-0)

AGENDA ITEM D2: FINANCIAL REPORT

Janet Rohloff provided a verbal update on the October financial report. There was a brief discussion regarding the reasons why the board does not have the actual reports with items completed 3 weeks prior to the meeting and current data is run a month behind. Janet mentioned the levy surplus has decreased; however, she is still expecting by year end that will be between 2 and 2.5 million. The state has indicated opioid funding is going to be decreased by 40% due to other organizations competing for same funds. Since we are projecting, we are going to go over in operating expenses, we will request a budget transfer at the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM E1 DIRECTORS REPORT: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Human Services Director Bill Topel reviewed placement statistics: Child Welfare (CW) Division – Juvenile Corrections is at 0.0 Actual Daily Populations (ADP). Residential Care Centers are currently at 3.6 ADP. Behavioral Health (BH) - Specialty Hospitals for adults is at 4.6 ADP with the youth being at 0.5 ADP. Secure Detention is at 1.9 ADP. Foster Care is at 40.1 ADP. Kinship Placements are at 138 ADP.

AGENDA ITEM E2 DIRECTORS REPORT: WCHSA UPDATE

Currently, the foremost issue is to aim to lower the \$2300 a day for Lincoln Hills to \$1500. Statewide the number of kids using Lincoln Hill's has decreased. WCHSA will also be working with the governor's office on passed resolutions. This is Bill's last month of presidency for WCHSA. The fall conference is the end of this week from December 5th to the 6th. The spring conference will be held at Tundra Lodge in Green Bay April 30-May 2, 2025. Bill also mentioned Holiday Smorg this Wednesday for anyone who can attend.

AGENDA ITEM F: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mark Weisensel wished the group Happy Holidays.

Karen Powers advised the group that she has been in contact with a number of churches to see what it takes to get people shelter this winter. Unfortunately, options are limited.

Ralph Harrison discussed they served 1,972 meals at Father Carr's for Thanksgiving as well as some meals delivered throughout Oshkosh. Ralph also expressed his feelings on the importance of attending the meetings and he always walks away with more knowledge after each meeting.

With no further business, Karen Powers moved for adjournment; seconded by Koby Schellenger and carried at 3:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the Oshkosh Human Services Building in Room 33.**

Respectfully submitted by Julie Kotajarvi, Human Services Department/jk