

BAYFIELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Emergency Operations Center

May 25, 2006

Board Members Present: Thomas Gordon, Clarence Henkel, Kenneth Jardine, Delores Kittleson, Mary Podlesny, Wayne Williams, Vicki Redenbaugh

Members Excused: Tom Allen, James Crandall

Staff Present: Elizabeth Skulan, Denise Kontny, Carrie Linder, Jan Karlen, Ann Green, Michele Oschner, Dianne Heapy

Call to Order and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by K. Jardine at 4:02 p.m.

Review of the Tentative Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Review of the April 27, 2006 Minutes:

The minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

C. Henkel motioned to approve the April 27, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by D. Kittleson. Motion carried.
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Program Presentation – Community Integration Programs (CIP 1B)

Michele Ochsner gave a presentation on the Community Integration Program (CIP 1B) Medicaid waiver program. The purpose of the CIP 1B program is to provide eligible persons who are developmentally disabled a safe community alternative to institutional placement. Bayfield County currently serves 37 clients with an average cost of \$39,645 per year.

Monthly Section Reports:

Economic Support

The scanner provided by the state to facilitate the electronic storage of Economic Support client files has been successfully installed, however the scanning process has been delayed a number of times due to incompatible technology. The goal of the state is to have paperless data files.

Effective June 5, 2006, individuals will be able to apply for FoodShare benefits and Family Medicaid online. Economic Support staff members have completed WisLine Web training, a combination of telephone and online training, to learn how to process the new applications.

J. Spuhler will successfully complete her probationary period effective June 6, 2006.

Support Services

The Social Security Administration conducted an on-site review of the representative payee accounts that Bayfield County administers. The review went very smoothly and no changes were recommended.

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Family Services

Aimee Hoppenworth began employment in Family Services working with delinquent and truant youth on May 22, 2006.

The social work intern from UW-Superior concluded her internship with Family Services on May 18th.

A handout describing the services that the Family Services Section provides was distributed.

The vacant AODA Case Manager position will be readvertised in an attempt to attract in more applicants.

Aging & Disability Services

A training on the topic of elder abuse was held at the AmericInn on May 25th. The cost of the training was paid by a grant written by C. Linder. More than 40 individuals from Bayfield and Ashland Counties as well as tribal representatives were in attendance. Topics included an update on changes to the new legislations affecting adult protective services and guardianship, elder abuse in Native American communities and domestic violence against older women.

CIP II Nursing Home Diversion funding has recently been made available. Statewide there are approximately 150 slots available on a first come, first serve basis. Applications can be made for individuals who are at imminent risk of entering a nursing home. Bayfield County is pursuing this funding for three individuals who are physically disabled and on the waiting list for long term care services.

Work has also begun to remove and serve elderly individuals on the long term care waiting list. Diversion funding will be requested if the individual appears to qualify for this funding.

Monthly Reports:

The monthly 2006 Financial, Training, and Waiting List reports were reviewed and will be placed on file.

Provider Input Summary

The provider input meeting for budget 2007 was held at 2:30 on May 25th. Representatives from ABC Healthy Families, BART, ABC Kinship, Ashland Area AODA, Red Cliff AODA and New Horizons North attended. Another twelve providers responded by providing written input. A summary of the input will be distributed to the board members at the June meeting.

Hospital Billing Format 2006

Bayfield County continues to work with MMC to negotiate a 2006 rate for mental health and alcohol/drug services. To date DHS has been billed approximately \$35,000 for 7 individuals who received inpatient care.

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Family Services Section Advisory Committee Appointment

The committee reviewed Susan Davis' application to the Family Services Advisory Committee.

T. Gordon motioned to approve Susan Davis' application and appointment to the Family Services Advisory Committee. Seconded by M. Podlesny. Motion carried.

Supportive Home Care Contributions

Under the Older Americans Act, counties are required to give all persons who receive services the opportunity to contribute to their cost of care. The committee reviewed a proposed supportive home care services donation letter.

T. Gordon motioned to approve the supportive home care donation process. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

2007 Budget Process

The 2007 budget process timeline was discussed. The Public Hearing will be held during the HSB meeting on June 22nd in the County Board Room.

Northwest Wisconsin – Long-Term Care Options (NW-LTCO)

The committee reviewed information on the NW-LTCO including the Mission and Visions Statements, a Frequently Asked Questions document, press release, a Statement of Interest form, and a response to an inquiry from the Southwest Wisconsin Managed Care Organization from Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services, Helene Nelson.

Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) Conference

D. Kittleson reported on the topics presented at the WCHSA conference.

Future Meeting Dates:

The future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

- June 22, 2006 – includes Public Hearing. County Board Room.
- July 27, 2006
- August 24, 2006

Adjournment:

M. Podlesny motioned to adjourn. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Kontny
Financial Manager