

BAYFIELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Emergency Operations Center

February 23, 2006

AMENDED

Board Members Present: Verne Gilles, Richard Compton, Clarence Henkel, Neil Paulson, Delores Kittleson, Marco Bichanich, Vicki Redenbaugh

Members Excused: Tom Allen, *Mary Podlesny*

Staff Present: Elizabeth Skulan, Denise Kontny, Carrie Linder, Jan Karlen, Ann Green, Dianne Heapy, Tom McMullen, Mark Abeles-Allison, Millie Lindsey

Call to Order and Introductions

V. Gilles called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Review of the Tentative Agenda

Upon request, agenda item numbers four and five will be switched.

R. Compton motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

Review of the January 26, 2006 Minutes

The minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

D. Kittleson motioned to approve the January 26, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by M. Bichanich. Motion carried.

Program Presentation – Services Provided by MMC

The committee reviewed options to fund mandated mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) services that are provided by Bayfield County at Memorial Medical Center. In 2006, due to ongoing losses, MMC administration has indicated that they will no longer offer an inclusive rate, but will expect counties to pay 70% of all charges that result from a hospitalization due to an emergency detention. Of the options reviewed, the committee felt that option #4, to pay 70% of the first 72 hours of inpatient stay, until ED is dropped, or until the court holds the probable cause hearing, whichever comes first was the best option. Upon further discussion, the committee requested that the specific statutes regarding emergency detention costs be reviewed before a decision is made. Staff were directed to make copies and distribute the statutes referenced in 51/42 so that “emergency services” could be better defined before they would act on a recommendation.

Health and Human Services Board

M. Abeles-Allison, E. Skulan, and M. Lindsey updated the committee on the status of a proposed combined Health & Human Services Board. Per M. Abeles-Allison’s request, an ad hoc committee is being formed to gather more information and make recommendations on the concept of a combined board.

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M. Bichanich motioned to approve the appointment of Vicki Redenbaugh and Clarence Henkel to participate on the ad-hoc committee representing the DHS Board. Seconded by D. Kittleson. Motion carried.

Monthly Section Reports:

Aging & Disability Services

B. Delizio has announced her retirement effective February 14, 2006. E. Skulan and C. Linder will meet with the county administrator to request that this position be refilled. In the interim, the caseload will be redistributed to the remaining A & D staff members.

The 2006 provider contracts have been processed.

Economic Support

2006 WHEAP information was reviewed.

Effective June 2006, Food Share and Family Medicaid applications will be available online.

Support Services

Support Staff are focusing on 2005 year end processing and reporting.

D. Kontny attended the Birth to Three Leadership meeting in WI Rapids with E. Skulan

Family Services

Karla Vinci has resigned effective February 23, 2006. The position will be advertised next week.

Two children have recently been placed in substitute care. Of the eleven children currently in substitute care, five were previously adopted.

Bayfield County is currently in an on-going discussion with the Red Cliff tribe regarding AODA costs.

Monthly Reports:

The monthly Training and Waiting List reports were reviewed.

C. Henkel motioned to approve the monthly reports. Seconded by M. Bichanich. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Policy

The committee reviewed the proposed Conflict of Interest policy. A few language changes were recommended.

N. Paulson motioned to approve the policy as amended. C. Henkel seconded. Motion carried.

Aging & Disability Advisory Committee – Review of application and approval of appointment of Lynn Frechette to the A & D Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed Lynn Frechette's citizen application for the A&D Advisory Committee.

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M. Bichanich motioned to approve Lynn Frechette's appointment to the A&D Advisory Committee. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

Staffing – Update regarding changes in staff

AODA Case Manager J. Tousignant has announced her retirement effective April 2006.

Northwest Wisconsin – Long-Term Care Options (NW-LTCO) – Review of press release and review of draft regional PowerPoint presentation regarding the planning grant, if available

A planning grant has been awarded to Northwest Wisconsin Long Term Care Options (NW-LTCO) to design a regional system of care in a nine county area in northwestern Wisconsin. The NW-LTCO is a public-private partnership comprised of nine counties (Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn), Community Health Partnership, Inc., Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire, and The Management Group, Inc.

The power point presentation will be available at the next meeting.

Other

No other items were discussed.

Future Meeting Dates

The future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

- February 23, 2006
- March 23, 2006
- April 27, 2006

Adjournment:

N. Paulson motioned to adjourn. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Kontny
Financial Manager