

BAYFIELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

EOC

July 27, 2006

Board Members Present: Thomas Gordon, Clarence Henkel, Kenneth Jardine, Mary Podlesny, Wayne Williams, Delores Kittleson, Pat Carver, James Crandall (4:28 p.m.)

Staff Present: Elizabeth Skulan, Denise Kontny, Carrie Linder, Jan Karlen, Ann Green

Call to Order and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by K. Jardine at 4:00 p.m.

Review of the Tentative Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

T. Gordon motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

Review of the June 29, 2006 Minutes:

C. Henkel motioned to approve the June 29, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by M. Podlesny. Motion carried.

Program Presentation – None

Monthly Section Reports:

Support Services

Support Services Section activities include meeting with the auditor to reconcile the expenses and revenues for fiscal year 2005; 2007 budget preparation; and development of a new Long Term Care projection monitoring tool. The tool will more accurately project federal funds earned and will reduce the time it takes to prepare the year end claim.

Family Services

A voluntary termination of parental rights hearing is scheduled to be held next week. Voluntary termination is uncommon in Bayfield County.

Chancellor David Wilson will visit Bayfield County on August 1st to discuss criminal justice educational efforts. Agenda items include: Background on Criminal Justice Efforts, What's Up with Inmate Education, Teen Court Overview, and Where does Bayfield County go from here?

Aging & Disability Services

The Aging & Disability Services Section was recently contacted by a client who moved from Portage County, which is a Family Care county, to Bayfield County. The state will assume financial responsibility for this client until Bayfield County can provide services.

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C. Linder attended the Aging & Disability Resource Center workgroup of the Northwest Wisconsin Long Term Care Options collaborative.

Economic Support

The District Attorney's Office has received approximately \$500.00 in contributions that will be donated to the transitional housing program.

Governor's Energy Assistance Program (GEAP) information was reviewed. Statewide 13,726 households received \$375 each for a total of \$5,147,250. Bayfield County's portion was \$24,000 for 64 households.

Monthly Reports:

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

Hospital Billing Format 2006 – Discussion regarding most recent negotiations with Memorial Medical Center

Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price and Sawyer Counties met with the Director of Behavioral Health and the Chief Financial Officer of MMC to negotiate a 2006 rate for emergency detention costs. Bayfield County has agreed to pay 70% of emergency detention related charges.

Offsetting emergency detention cost saving measures currently being explored are the expansion of community mental health services by changing providers for the 24-hour crisis line, and establishing the availability of a mobile crisis response team for Bayfield County residents; using a crisis bed in the city of Ashland for those individuals not needing an in-patient bed at MMC; and creating a repayment/collection policy.

Repayment Policy – Initial discussion regarding local repayment policy

The department is exploring the utilization of a repayment policy for some services to increase revenues. Technical assistance will be provided by the regional office and Price County on August 8th.

Staffing Update – Summary of recent staff hiring and recruitment efforts

Aimee Hoppenworth has received her Social Worker temporary training certificate.

The AODA Case Manager position was offered but the candidate declined. The position will be readvertised to an expanded geographical area.

Marianne Johnson, the contracted Benefit Specialist through Gemini Employee Leasing, has given her notice effective August 24th. She will continue to provide the aging coordinator services for a while longer, but plans to vacate that position sometime in the future.

One staff person is out for an extended family medical leave and two others will be out in the near future for other medical leaves.

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Local Transit Plan Meeting – Notice of meeting August 16th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

There will be a local transit planning meeting at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center on August 16th. The meeting will be coordinated by Sheldon Johnson who has been contracted by the State Department of Transportation and charged with the responsibility of facilitating a meeting in each county of our ten county region.

2005 Annual Report – Review and approval of the 2005 Annual Report

The draft 2005 annual report was reviewed. A few typographical errors and corrections were recommended.

T. Gordon motioned to approve the annual report with corrections as recommended. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

2007 Budget – Review of the 2007 preliminary draft budget and budget direction from the County Administrator

The board reviewed a list of considerations for developing the 2007 budget. Discussion included:

- What new services / policies will we put in place and how will they affect the budget?
- Should DHS implement a repayment policy?
- Will we ask for additional funding to address the waiting lists? (Aging Services)

Northwest Wisconsin-Long-Term Care Options (NW LTCO) - Standing agenda item

E. Skulan and C. Linder continue to be active members of the NW-LTCO collaborative. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2006.

Other

No other items were discussed.

Future Meeting Dates:

The future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

- August 24, 2006
- September 28, 2006
- October 26, 2006

Adjournment:

T. Gordon motioned to adjourn. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Kontny
Financial Manager