

BAYFIELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

EOC

September 28, 2006

Board Members Present: Thomas Gordon, Clarence Henkel, Kenneth Jardine, Mary Podlesny, Wayne Williams, Delores Kittleson, Pat Carver, James Crandall, Ted Benson

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 amended agenda.

Review of the August 24, 2006 Minutes:

T. Gordon motioned to approve the August 24, 2006 minutes as presented. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

Program Presentation – Economic Support Section

A. Green described the Caretaker Supplement, Wisconsin Shares, Emergency Assistance, Wisconsin FoodShare, Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, Medicaid, BadgerCare, Healthy Start, and the Wisconsin Works (W-2) programs that are administered by the Economic Support Section.

Monthly Section Reports:

Support Services

D. Kontny described the role of the Support Services Section.

The annual Support Services staff retreat was held on September 13th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. A strengths based training session was provided by WITC.

E. Skulan and D. Kontny attended the DHFS Planning Consortia Conference held in LaCrosse on September 20th.

The 2005 single audit is almost complete.

Four state employees from DHFS provided on-site COP and COP-Waiver technical assistance training on September 27th.

Support Services staff will be updating the 2006 year end projections to be reviewed at the next board meeting.

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Family Services

J. Karlen described the services administered by the Family Services Section.

Effective 10/1/2006, the law regarding non-caregiver child abuse reporting requirements is changing. The law now states that if a non-caregiver is alleged to have abused a child, Human Services may screen it out, resulting in law enforcement having responsibility for investigating. Law enforcement and Indian Child Welfare were invited to meet with Family Services regarding the change in child abuse investigations.

Substitute care costs are up this year. Tribal placements are estimated to cost \$98,000, which is a higher percentage of overall substitute care costs than in the past.

Aging & Disability Services

C. Linder described the services administered by the Aging & Disability Services.

A & D staff are implementing changes to individual service plans (ISPs) to include outcome planning.

Guardianship training was attended via video conferencing on September 26th in the EOC. Approximately 40 people participated.

Economic Support

The Red Cliff Tribe currently administers TANF eligibility services for tribal members who live on and off tribal lands. Effective 10/1/06, Red Cliff will only provide this service to members who live on tribal lands. The tribal members who live off tribal lands will then be served by Bayfield County.

WHEAP crisis funds are being used to assist individuals with fuel costs.

The Economic Support Section retreat was held on September 18th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

Monthly Reports:

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

2007 Budget

The County Administrator reviewed the DHS budget request as approved by the HSB in the amount of \$7,471,249. The Administrator's recommendation to the County Board includes an additional \$10,166 in Family Services revenue which decreases county dollars by the same amount.

2007-2009 Department of Health & Family Services (DHFS) Budget Proposal

On September 15, the Department of Health & Family Services submitted its 2007-2009 biennial budget request to Governor Doyle. Key features of the Department's budget proposal are:

- Family Care expansion: proposes a major expansion of the Family Care program statewide in five years.

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- **BadgerCare Plus:** proposes a new initiative to provide access to affordable health insurance for all children and expand eligibility to include more adults.
- **Preserving the health care safety net:** except for changes required by the new federal mandates, maintains eligibility and benefits for low-income and vulnerable populations in the Department's health care programs.
- **KidsFirst Items:** implements three key items including foster care rate increases, health care coverage for youth aged 18-20 aging out of foster care, and measures to support the training and retention of quality child welfare workforce in the Milwaukee Child Welfare program.

Mental Health Services

The Crisis Line provided by OMNE Clinic is available. Data on usage will be provided at the next meeting.

We now have a contract with Northland Counseling for a crisis bed that is now available for \$280 / night. The bedhold fee is \$500 per month. This is an alternative service for people who might otherwise be detained and held at MMC.

2007-2008 Aging Plan

The committee reviewed the 2007-2008 Aging Plan goals.

T. Gordon motioned to approve the 2007-2008 Aging Plan. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

2007 Application for Assistance under s.85.21 (Elderly and Disabled transportation for counties)

T. Gordon motioned to approve the application for assistance under s. 85.21. Seconded by J. Crandall. Motion carried.

Staffing Update – Update regarding current staffing

The AODA case manager position has been filled. Chris Kobesko will start October 16. He is currently an alcohol and drug assessor and counselor for two agencies in Ironwood, Michigan.

Aging & Disability Services Section Advisory Committee Appointments

D. Kittleson motioned to approve the appointment of Rich Elliker and Robert Borck as members of the Aging and Disability Services Section Advisory Committee. Seconded by M. Podlesny. Motion carried.

Family Support Program Advisory Committee Appointments

T. Gordon motioned to approve Tammi Bednarick, Kim Pearson, and Kay Hudack as members of the Family Support Program Advisory Committee. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

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Family Services Advisory Committee Appointment

T. Gordon motioned to approve the appointment of Mary Podlesny to the Family Services Advisory Committee. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

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

The committee reviewed a power point presentation on the Long Term Care Redesigned Managed Care System.

Other

A Family Support Program policy is being developed to address some common questions, give more specific direction to families, better define expectations, and allow more families to access the funding. It will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

Future Meeting Dates:

The future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

- October 26, 2006
- December 5, 2006
- January 26, 2007

Adjournment:

C. Henkel motioned to adjourn. Seconded by W. Williams. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Kontny
Financial Manager