

BAYFIELD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING

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January 24, 2008

**Subject to change at the
February meeting.**

Board Members Present: Tom Gordon, Kenneth Jardine, Clarence Henkel, Wayne Williams, Ted Benson, Mary Podlesny, Delores Kittleson

Members Excused: Pat Carver, James Crandall

Staff Present: Elizabeth Skulan, Denise Kontny, Jeanine Spuhler, Carrie Linder, Jan Karlen, Jim Hanson

Call to Order and Introductions

K. Jardine called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Review of the Tentative Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Review of the December 4, 2007 Minutes

C. Henkel motioned to approve the December 4, 2007 minutes as presented. Seconded by T. Gordon. Motion carried.

Program Presentation

Social Worker Jim Hanson gave a presentation on the alcohol and drug testing process followed when administering random drug testing. Last year approximately 22 children were court-ordered to submit to drug testing.

Monthly Section Reports

Economic Support

The BadgerCare Plus program was implemented two weeks ago. The new policies have been implemented and cases have been converted to the new system. The process has gone quite smoothly.

The TLC Health Center will begin operations in Iron River on Monday, January 28th. Hours of business will be Monday – Friday, 9-5. J. Spuhler is working with Ann Green to establish a process for referrals of individuals/families who come to the clinic for services that might qualify for public benefits.

Family Services

Family Services participated in the annual meeting with law enforcement, schools, and the judge to discuss areas of concern regarding minors. The main topics discussed were truancy and alcohol and drug use.

Acres of Hope is a local provider that has recently helped families find children to adopt from Liberia. The department has been involved because some questions have come up with regard to

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information provided to families who are required to legally adopt the children both in Liberia and in the U.S.

Support Services

D. Kontny has been asked to participate in a statewide workgroup to analyze and clarify the reporting instructions for the annual Human Services Revenue Report (HSRR).

D. Kontny, board member for the Wisconsin Human Services Financial Management Association (WHSFMA), participated in planning for the annual conference to be held in May.

Aging & Disability Services

C. Linder is working with the South Shore School District to establish an intergenerational meal site. School District Administrator, Marc Christianson, is interested in expanding activities to the community in general to access Fund 80, which allows schools to be community oriented.

New transportation routes are being implemented.

Monthly Reports

The monthly financial, training, and waiting list reports were reviewed and placed on file.

Staffing Update

The Alcohol and Other Drug (AODA) Coordinator position in the Family Services section is currently vacant.

Recruitment continues for the Family Services Manager position.

Child Protective Services Screening Response

The committee reviewed the process update that was required to reflect changes that were made for data entry into the state e-WISACWIS data system.

D. Kittleson motioned to approve the child protective services screening response process changes as presented. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried.

Continuous Quality Services Review

The State Department of Health and Family Services will begin the Continuous Quality Improvement Review of child welfare programs in Bayfield County. A public orientation meeting will be held at the Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center on January 31st to define the process that will be used to review the cases. The actual review will be held the week of April 21 through April 25th. At that time, a team of 12 – 20 individuals will come to Bayfield County to meet with staff, families, providers, and other partners in our child welfare system. Every county must have a review once every three to five years.

General Relief Plan 2008

The proposed 2008 General Relief plan was reviewed.

T. Gordon motioned to approve the plan as presented. Seconded by M. Podlesny. Motion carried.

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Youth Aids Emergency Funding

Emergency funds were requested to offset a high cost child placed out of home in 2007. \$6,943 was awarded.

Aging & Disability Resource Center

Bayfield, Ashland, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, and Sawyer Counties continue to plan for a regional Aging and Disability Resource Center services. Both Sawyer and Bayfield have indicated that they would be interested in acting as the fiscal agent for the region.

Family Care Development Council

The Family Care Development Council continues to meet on a regular basis. The last meeting provided a review of the planning that has been done to date in our region; therefore, there are no updates to report.

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

Family Care proposed rollout information for the eleven county region was distributed at the NW-LTCO meeting held today in Hayward. The roll-out is projected to begin in January of 2009 in Sawyer County, since it appears that there will be a recommendation to centrally locate the Managed Care Organization (MCO) in Sawyer County and likely in the city of Hayward. One proposal adds enrollment for one county each month from January through November of 2009. This proposal would have Bayfield County participating in June of 2009. In the second proposal, enrollment begins in Sawyer County January 1, 2009 and ends in July of 2009. This proposal adds one to two counties each month and Bayfield County would begin to enroll individuals in May 2009. Copies of this information will be distributed to board members.

Other

Construction noise, dust, and fumes from the courtroom remodeling project have been an on-going concern. Staff morale has been negatively affected. The County Administrator and maintenance staff continue to work with the contractors to address problems as they arise.

Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates were scheduled as follows:

- February 20, 2008 - M. Podlesny will be excused
- March 27, 2008 – M. Podlesny will be excused
- April 24, 2008

Adjournment

T. Gordon motioned to adjourn. Seconded by C. Henkel. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Denise Kontny

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Financial Manager