

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Building
1011 North 8th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Room 413

March 2, 2010

Called To Order: 8:00 A.M.

Adjourned: 9:38 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor John Van Der Male – Chair; Supervisor Roger Otten – Vice Chair; Supervisor Dale Cary – Secretary; Supervisor Peggy Feider, Supervisor Kris Wheeler, Supervisor Vernon Koch, Mr. Curtiss Nyenhuis, Mr. Eldon Burg, and Dr. Philip Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Eggebrecht, Martin Bonk, Joan Ketterman, Dale Hippensteel, Carol Bukovic, Mitch Birkey, Dale Deterding, Kim Pagel, Julie Schaefer, and Dennis Hibray – Department of Health Services Northeast Region Director

Supervisor Van Der Male called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The Health and Human Services Department received an e-mail noting that the agenda for the March 2, 2010 meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was posted on February 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: February 16, 2010

Supervisor Feider moved and Mr. Nyenhuis seconded to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Health and Human Services Committee meeting. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Tom Eggebrecht gave a summary of the Wisconsin County Human Services Association Eastern Region meeting that he attended on Friday, February 19, 2010 and invited any committee members wishing to attend future meetings with him to let him know.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that he would like to see our department have more of a public relations presence in the community. Contracted staff from the Rehabilitation Center of Sheboygan working in the area of Birth to 3 Service Coordination recently assisted with that through participation in Child Development Days in Sheboygan Falls and were thanked for their efforts.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that he wrote a letter of support for the University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan's application for a Vista Grant. This grant would offer support to students at risk or do not graduate from high school to still pursue a college education. Social Worker Catherine Kanouse from this Department will work with the University should the grant be awarded.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that he signed an acknowledgement of grant application for the City of Sheboygan Housing Authority on behalf of four local agencies including Lakeshore CAP, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County, and the Salvation Army, to provide emergency and transitional housing assistance.

Joan Kettermann distributed a flyer for the Aging and Disability Resource Center Open House which will be occurring on Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. During the Open House, a special Health Fair for small non-profit groups will be available.

Martin Bonk informed the Committee that Pat Krueger passed away on February 28, 2010. Pat was a long-time foster parent licensed through the Department.

Tom Eggebrecht reminded the Committee of Human Services at the Capitol Day on Thursday, March 4, 2010. Supervisors Van Der Male and Feider will be attending with Tom.

DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACT OF ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 732 – RETURN OF 17 YEAR OLDS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM – Martin Bonk

Martin Bonk informed the Committee the Assembly Bill (AB) 732 was introduced on February 11, 2010 and is currently in the Assembly Committee on Corrections and the Courts. Assembly Bill (AB) 732 raises from 17 to 18 the age at which a person who is alleged to have violated a criminal law is subject to be tried in adult court. The effective date is July 1, 2010 for 17-year-old misdemeanants and July 1, 2011 for 17-year-old felons. The bill also allows the Department of Corrections (DOC) to set Juvenile Correctional Institutional rates at least annually and permits the Department of Corrections (DOC) to adjust rates more frequently than annually as necessary to reflect the per person average daily cost of providing that care (with Joint Committee on Finance oversight). To fund the increased county costs associated with the transfer of 17-year-old to juvenile court jurisdiction, the bill creates a \$14.00 youth aids surcharge to be imposed when the court levies a forfeiture for a traffic violation. Martin informed the Committee that the revenues raised through the surcharge will fall far short of meeting the need. The department's estimate of fiscal impact places local costs close to \$1.4 million. Imposing this on the counties mid-year and without sufficient funding attached makes no fiscal sense. There is no current legislative fiscal impact statement attached to this bill.

REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CHARGES FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES – Joan Kettermann

Joan Kettermann informed the Committee that, effective January 1, 2010 under changes passed with the current state budget, counties are now responsible for the non-federal share of the cost of treatment for children under age 22 and adults over 64 placed at Winnebago Mental Health Institute and Mendota Mental Health Institute, which is 40% of the cost of each placement. All money comes from tax levy dollars. Current average cost of care at the state institutes approaches \$900 per day. In addition to this change, many counties are also beginning to struggle with the placement of Family Care participants in the institutes. Counties remain obligated to pay for those stays under Chapter 51 of the statutes and there is no real incentive for managed care organizations to move quickly in returning persons to non-institutional settings. Joan informed the Committee that the Department looks at all venues before placing someone in a mental health institute and will be working with WCHSA and state staff to pursue remedies for the unfunded mandates.

UPDATE ON CONTRACT ON GENESIS – Joan Kettermann

Joan Kettermann informed the Committee that the Department is evaluating the Genesis Residential Program for efficiencies and cost-effectiveness. As part of the department's budget proposal for this year, increased revenues obtained through bed sale to other counties were projected. The department is seeking a fall back plan if those revenues are not realized. Options for providing alternative treatment are subsequently being pursued. Genesis is currently working under a 6 month contract with the department while that exploration takes place.

REPORT ON CLOSURE OF RANDOM LAKE MEAL SITE – Dale Deterding

Dale Deterding informed the Committee that the Random Lake Meal Site closed effective March 1, 2010 due to lack of participation. Attendance had dropped to seven participants over several months going back to last year. Those participants stopped attending completely this year and are now attending Adell or other sites or taking home delivered meals. Each of those participants was contacted to discuss the closure and none expressed concern about it. Dale reported that the Adell site offers expanded socialization opportunity for participants and the benefit of access to a food pantry. If interest in attending the Random Lake Meal Site resumes, the meal site can reopen. Chair Van Der Male reported that Supervisor Goehring, who represents the Random Lake district, had contacted him to express unhappiness with the decision. Tom Eggebrecht indicated that he too had learned of that concern and phoned Supervisor Goehring to discuss the matter. Tom reported that Supervisor Goehring suggested that more may have been done to promote utilization of the site and prevent the need for closure. Supervisor Goehring was assured that the department would be happy to re-open the site as future needs or demand may dictate.

CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AGING UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- **MARSHA VOLLBRECHT**
- **CAROL ZORAN**

Supervisor Otten moved and Supervisor Feider seconded to approve the reappointment of Marsha Vollbrecht and Carol Zoran to the Aging Unit Advisory Committee for another term and forward this recommendation to County Administrator Adam Payne for final approval. Motion carried.

LEVEL III DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH APPROVAL – Dennis Hibray, Regional Director – Department of Health Services

Dennis Hibray presented to the Committee and Dale Hippensteel a plaque commending the Division of Public Health on maintaining their programming and other quality requirements to maintain their Level III certification. A mandatory review of local health departments occurred in December.

CONSIDERATION OF RACINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE WISCONSIN SHARES CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM BY ENACTING LEGISLATION AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS TO PREVENT FRAUD –

Mitch Birkey

Mitch Birkey gave the background on the development of this Resolution. This Resolution was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee by the County Board. The resolution as drafted has a broader and more restrictive application than what is required in Sheboygan County and could serve to reduce provider resources or encumber low income families with extra expense. After much discussion, Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Mr. Burg seconded to file the Resolution.

REVIEW OF VISIONS PROPOSAL

Tom Eggebrecht presented the Wisconsin County Human Services “Visions” Proposal to the Committee. This proposal was drafted in 2002 and addresses the struggle over responsibility and funding between the State and counties while offering a better future approach for human services delivery. Committee members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the document. Tom indicated that he intended to promote it with state representatives on Thursday.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

After questions were answered, Supervisor Otten moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to approve the expense vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT OTHER MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS

Supervisor Cary moved and Supervisor Otten seconded to approve the attendance of the following Committee members at the following meetings:

- February 17, 2010 – **BIRTH TO 3/FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Supervisor Feider and Mr. Nyenhuis
- February 23, 2010 – **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Supervisor Van Der Male, Supervisor Otten, and Supervisor Wheeler
- February 23, 2010 – **½% COUNTY SALES TAX PRESENTATION** – Supervisor Wheeler
- February 25, 2010 – **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Supervisor Van Der Male

Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation by Environmental Health Supervisor Bruce Kress
- Purchase of Service Vendor Review
- Presentation on “Give Kids a Smile Day”

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 a.m., Mr. Burg moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to adjourn the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Julie Schaefer
Recording Secretary

Dale Cary
Committee Secretary