

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

December 21, 2010

Called To Order: 8:15 A.M.

Adjourned: 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Peggy Feider – Chair; Supervisor Kris Wheeler – Vice Chair; Supervisor Vernon Koch – Secretary, Supervisor John Van Der Male, Supervisor Roger Otten, Supervisor Jacob Van Dixhorn, Mr. Curtiss Nyenhuis, Mr. Eldon Burg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Philip Walker

ALSO PRESENT: Supervisor Vandersteen (via conference call), Tom Eggebrecht, Joan Ketterman, Martin Bonk, Dale Hippensteel, Carol Bukovic, Kim Pagel, Dr. Todd Eiden, Sarah Gavin, and Nancy Koene

Supervisor Feider called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 December 21, 2010 meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was posted on December 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: December 7, 2010 Health and Human Services Committee

Supervisor Van Der Male moved and Mr. Nyenhuis seconded to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Health and Human Services Committee meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: November 30, 2010 Joint Meeting of the Health Care Center Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee

Supervisor Otten moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2010 Joint Meeting of the Health Care Center Committee and Health and Human Services Committee. Discussion followed regarding the need for additional information and consideration on the viability and limitations of Rocky Knoll use as a Mental Health residential facility as well as the possibility of a regional facility. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Tom Eggebrecht wished the Committee Happy Holidays and thanked them for all of their work.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that once again this year the community and local businesses have been very generous with donations to help the less fortunate of the clients that we serve to have a better Christmas. Examples include an individual donation received for \$2,000.00 to buy gift cards at Aldi's to distribute to needy clients to purchase food, and a donation from Acuity in the amount of \$40,000.00 to help consumers with a variety of needs, and there are many other stories like this. The generosity is greatly appreciated.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that with a change in State Statute, Commissions (two or more Counties) may now jointly run a county nursing facility as partners, which allows for shared expense. This is especially important in areas where a resident from one county is in a facility in another county. Medical Assistance does not allow for other county subsidies to cover the costs over MA reimbursement rates. Those costs are paid for by tax levy in the facility county. A Commission would allow for partner counties to share expenses and thereby avoid the subsidy rule. Sheboygan County currently has one MA funded resident in placement in Clark County Health Care Center. Clark County is interested in forming a commission with placing counties. Tom and Mike Taubenheim from Rocky Knoll will be attending an informational meeting being held by Clark County on this matter.

Peggy Feider reminded the Committee that the Ordinance to revise the Table of Organization to include the Deputy Director position is on the agenda for the County Board Meeting tonight. Chair Feider also reminded the Committee members that the Ordinance would need to be signed by them prior to the meeting.

PHOENIX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTATION – Dr. Todd Eiden and Sarah Gavin

Phoenix Behavioral Health currently works with the Child and Family Resource Unit at Sheboygan County Health and Human Services to serve children with Autism. They are a State certified Mental Health facility and provide intensive in-home therapy to children with Autism. Therapy begins with a child once they have been diagnosed with Autism and have been awarded an enrollment slot by the State. Under State rules, the provider can work with children up to 35 hours per week, and a minimum of 20 of those hours are required to be face-to-face to qualify for intensive therapy coverage. Documentation and research has shown that this amount of time is the most beneficial, and earlier intervention provides greater success. The wait to receive services is currently at around one year. Dr. Eiden talked about the improvements to the program that have been made throughout the years, including training for physicians to detect possible Autistic tendencies at well-baby exams, resulting in better outcomes for the children. Dr. Eiden commended Sheboygan County's Child and Family Resource Unit for their level of involvement and investment of resources on behalf of these children.

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ELDER SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – Joan Ketterman

Joan Ketterman distributed to the Committee Division of Community Programs and Elder Services Unit Strategic Plan Update. The Strategic Plan identifies five goals which support the issues and needs identified by the Health and Human Services Committee in coordination with Department staff in February 2010. Joan discussed each of the five Strategic Plan goals as well as the status of implementation and next steps for each goal. Joan will keep the Committee updated on the progress of the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

REPORT ON QUARTERLY COMMUNITY CARE UPDATE – Thomas Eggebrecht, Joan Ketterman, and Roger Otten

Tom Eggebrecht presented the Committee with information received at the quarterly update meeting for Community Care, the organization administering and delivering Family Care services to Sheboygan County. Community Care is required to submit a business plan annually, which they did on October 15th, but to date have not received feedback or approval from the State. Tom reported that there has been growth in the program in Sheboygan County during the last quarter. There has also been key staff turnover within the organization. Tom reported that Community Care estimates their loss in Sheboygan County to be around \$5 million year-to-date, but assistance from the state risk pool should help decrease that to around \$700,000.

Community Care continues to look for expense reductions, however dually diagnosed consumers with a mental illness or developmental disability present a challenge in that area. The Legislative Audit Bureau is conducting a statewide audit of Family Care and results are expected in March, 2011. Family Care becomes an entitlement program for Sheboygan County on February 1, 2011 and there are currently around 80 people on the waitlist for services who will be enrolled during the month of February.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

Supervisor Van Der Male moved and Supervisor Van Dixhorn seconded to approve the expense vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT OTHER MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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

None.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Purchase of Service Vendor Review
- Revisit 2010 Goals and Objectives for the Health and Human Services Department

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 a.m., Supervisor Van Der Male moved and Mr. Nyenhuis seconded to adjourn the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Kim Pagel
Recording Secretary

Vernon Koch
Committee Secretary