

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

RCS Empowers, Inc.
1607 Geele Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53083

April 3, 2012

Called To Order: 8:02 A.M.

Adjourned: 9:20 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, and Mr. Eldon Burg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Philip Walker

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Eggebrecht, Martin Bonk, Elizabeth Mahloch, Dale Hippensteel, Carol Bukovic, and Julie Schaefer

Before Supervisor Feider called the meeting to order, she expressed her thanks for the great working relationship with her fellow Committee members and Health and Human Services staff these past two years.

Supervisor Feider called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 April 3, 2012 meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was posted on March 29, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: March 20, 2012 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Supervisor Van Der Male seconded to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Tom Eggebrecht thanked Vicki Pfister of RCS Empowers, Inc. for hosting today's meeting. Vicki will be providing a tour after today's meeting.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that if anyone is interested in attending the Wisconsin County Human Services Association 2012 Spring Conference, they should contact Julie Schaefer and she will assist in getting anyone interested in attending registered for the conference.

Tom Eggebrecht thanked the Committee for the patience on the many drafts they received of the Resolution that is on the agenda for a vote today.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that the facing on the east wall of the Health and Human Services Department will be replaced this year. Tom also informed the Committee that he is still pursuing avenues for remodel of the Health and Human Services Department main lobby area.

Tom Eggebrecht thanked the Committee for their last two years of services and wished them luck in the elections today.

PRESENTATION ON CURRENT OPERATIONS OF RCS EMPOWERS, INC.

Vicki Pfister informed the Committee that currently RCS Empowers, Inc. has 110 staff annually serving 800 individuals with disabilities. Vicki informed the Committee that services RCS Empowers, Inc. provides are Day Services, Work Related Services, Recreation Group, Birth to 3 Services, and Independent Health Care Plan Services. The primary goal of RCS Empowers, Inc. is seeing participants engaged in some sort of activity.

Vicki informed the Committee that RCS Empowers, Inc., along with Hearthstone and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, sponsor an Employer Recognition Luncheon. This event recognizes over 100 employers throughout Sheboygan County who employ and support individuals with disabilities in the workplace.

Vicki informed the Committee that the dynamics have changed with regard to the contract with Sheboygan County Health and Human Services mainly due to the implementation of Family Care. Vicki also informed the Committee that RCS Empowers, Inc. is eliminating the Residential Services component of their organization due to the decrease received in State funding which makes it no longer cost-effective.

Vicki informed the Committee that the new facility was a \$10 million project of which \$5 million was financed.

Vicki thanked the Committee on her and Ron Van Rooyen's behalf for their support over the years and both are appreciative of the partnership of RCS Empowers, Inc. and Health and Human Services.

Tom indicated that the five Birth to 3 Service Coordinators who are housed at Health and Human Services are a pleasure to work with, and he is appreciative of their exemplary attention to detail.

Vicki informed the Committee that RCS Empowers, Inc. will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING SHEBOYGAN COUNTY VOLUNTEERS

Tom Eggebrecht presented to the Committee a Resolution entitled Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Recognizing Volunteers of the Aging and Disability Resource Center and Elder Services for their approval. Tom informed the Committee that 347 volunteers provide an estimated 17,472 hours of services. This Resolution will be presented at the April 18, 2012 Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to approve the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Recognizing Volunteers of the Aging and Disability Resource Center Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

This Resolution will be presented to the full County Board at their April 10, 2012 meeting.

EAST CENTRAL INCOME MAINTENANCE CONSORTIUM UPDATE – Elizabeth Mahloch

Elizabeth presented to the Committee statistics on the East Central Income Maintenance Consortium for March 2012. Effective April 1, 2012, the average speed of answer of calls performance standard needs to be 25 minutes or less. All consortia are meeting that performance standard with the East Central Income Maintenance Consortium's rate coming in at 1.57 minutes. Effective July 1, 2012, the average speed of answer of calls performance standard is required to be 21 minutes or less.

The performance standard for timeliness of processing ongoing cases is required to be 90%. The East Central Income Maintenance Consortium is surpassing this performance standard as their percentage average is 95.78%. Sheboygan County is also surpassing this performance standard as their percentage average is 96.67%.

Elizabeth informed the Committee that on March 31, 2012 the Enrollment Services Center cases came back to the counties. As a result, the East Central Income Maintenance Consortium received in excess of 9,500 additional cases.

Elizabeth informed the Committee that technical assistance staff from the Department of Health Services will be coming to Marquette County on April 12, 2012. The goal of this meeting is to see where the Department of Health Services can provide additional support to the Consortium. One key area that will be brought up with the Department of Health Services staff is the performance of the Central Document Processing Unit.

Elizabeth also informed the Committee that the lease with the Job Center expires April 30, 2012. The holder of the lease is Great Lakes Training and Development. Elizabeth informed the Committee that she is working on amending the lease with Great Lakes Training and Development. She is looking at a five-year option with provisions of being able to exit the lease if Economic Support is no longer providing W2 services, in which case the lease would transfer to the agency providing W2 services. She informed the Committee that she consulted with Building Services Supervisor Jim TeBeest and a local realtor and both agree that what Economic Support is being charged to lease space at the Job Center is fair and competitive.

AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PREMISE NON-SMOKING POLICY – Dale Hippensteel

Dale Hippensteel indicated that the Department is looking at developing a fairly comprehensive non-smoking policy which would include offering smoking cessation and support. This policy would be an internal policy with support from the Health and Human Services Committee. Once the policy is formally drafted, it will be brought back to the Committee for their review.

After discussion, Supervisor Otten moved and Supervisor Van Dixhorn seconded to approve authorizing the Health and Human Services Director to develop and implement a premise non-smoking policy. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVE FEBRUARY 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Carol Bukovic

Carol Bukovic presented the Financial Statement for year-to-date February 29, 2012.

After questions were answered, Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Supervisor Wheeler seconded to approve the Financial Statement for year-to-date February 29, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of the Committee, going forward a profit/loss statement will be added to the Financial Statements presented to the Committee

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

Supervisor Wheeler moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT OTHER MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Otten recommended a press release recognizing the volunteers of the Aging and Disability Resource Center and Elder Services. Tom Eggebrecht indicated, in conjunction with *Celebrate National County Government Month*, information on the Department's services is going to be published in the local newspapers and will ensure recognizing the volunteers is included in the publications.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Purchase of Service Vendor Review
- Revisit 2010 Goals and Objectives for the Health and Human Services Department
- Update on the Deputy Director Position
- Fund Balance Update
- Update on Concealed Carry Weapon Bill
- Update on Funding Cuts to Medicaid, BadgerCare, and Family Care

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Burg moved and Supervisor Van Der Male seconded to adjourn the Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Vicki Pfister provided a tour of RCS Empowers, Inc. after the meeting.

Julie Schaefer
Recording Secretary

Vernon Koch
Committee Secretary