

***Polk County Human Services Department  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2006***

***Present:*** Bryan Beseler  
Robert Blake  
Janice Grest  
John Gyllen  
Julie Hildebrand

Larry Jepsen  
David Markert  
Kenneth Olson  
Keith Rediske

***Also:*** Phyl Brown  
Kay Confer  
Gary Ehrich  
Rick Gates

Sherry Gjonnes  
Pat Kirkwood  
Jan Place  
Cal Schladweiler

***Press:*** Gregg Westigard

Chair Keith Rediske called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

***Approval of Agenda***

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. Hildebrand, seconded by Dr. Markert. It was noted that Long Term Care and Director's Report would be deferred due to the absence of Mr. Kammerud. Also, it was confirmed that the closed session would be held.

Motion to approve the modified agenda made by Ms. Hildebrand, seconded by Dr. Markert. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Approval of Minutes***

Motion to approve the June 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Beseler, seconded by Ms. Grest. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Approval of Vouchers***

Motion to approve the vouchers made by Mr. Jepsen, seconded by Dr. Markert. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Appointment of Voucher Subcommittee for August 17, 2006 Meeting***

The Voucher Subcommittee for August 17, 2006 will be Mr. Beseler, Mr. Blake, and Rev. Rediske.

***Veterans Service Report***

Mr. Gates distributed and reviewed the monthly Veterans Service Office Report. Mr. Gates provided information about changes in death benefits.

***Recent Activities***

- Appearance on WXCE Radio Station

***Upcoming Activities***

- Polk County Fair – July 27 to July 30, 2006
- American Legion – Spooner, July 30, 2006
- NWCVSO Meeting -- August 3, 2006

Mr. Gates reported the VA computer that had been stolen has been recovered and it does not appear the information on the computer had been accessed.

By the end of the year, there will be local care providers of services to veterans in the Hayward and Rice Lake areas.

**Comments from the Public on the 2007 Budget**

None.

**Juvenile Justice and Foster Care**

Individuals from the Juvenile Justice unit were introduced and program information provided. The programs include:

- Foster Care/Foster Care Rate Setting
- Juvenile Intake
- Voluntary Services
- Ongoing/Court/Dispositional
- Intensive Supervision
- Sanctions
- Independent Living Skills
- Several Groups, including Girls' Group; Voices; Juvenile Cognitive Intervention Program; Intensive Supervision Group

**Meth Grant Counselor**

Mr. Ehrich was present to provide information on the resolution being presented to approve a grant-funded position to work under the Meth Grant, providing substance abuse services under the Matrix Model. Following discussion, it was suggested a resolution is not necessary, as this request does not require any Polk County funding. The office of the Corporation Counsel will be consulted.

Motion to approve the request, subject to a review by Corporation Counsel on the need to be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for approval, made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Jepsen. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Psychiatric Nursing**

Floyd Anderson, M.D. presented information on the role of psychiatric nursing, supporting the need for an additional .5 FTE psychiatric nurse position. Discussion ensued.

Motion to defer this topic until such time the Director is available made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Olson. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Long Term Care Reform Presentation**

Deferred due to Mr. Kammerud's absence.

**Position Updates**

Mr. Schladweiler reviewed information related to changes in staff and current vacant positions.

**Monthly Statistics**

An updated statistical report was distributed for review.

**Director's Report**

Deferred due to Mr. Kammerud's absence.

**Board and Staff Comments**

Ms. Grest requested staff e-mail addresses

When asked, Ms. Kirkwood indicated the review by the auditors went very well. A complete report will be provided at the next Human Services Board Meeting.

Rev. Rediske distributed a memo that was sent to the Mental Health/Chemical Dependency unit, following their presentation to the Human Services Board. It was agreed that Rev. Rediske will do a similar memo to all the department units upon completion of their presentation to the Board.

Mr. Jepsen welcomed Mr. Gyllen and Ms. Hildebrand as new citizen members. A brief discussion ensued on terms for citizen members. Mr. Jepsen will review this information.

**Closed Session:** *Under Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)© considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.*

Motion to move into closed session made by Ms. Grest, seconded by Mr. Jepsen. All those present (Mr. Beseler, Mr. Blake, Ms. Grest, Mr. Gyllen, Mr. Hildebrand, Mr. Jepsen, Dr. Markert, Mr. Olson, and Rev. Rediske) in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into the open session made and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Beseler  
Secretary