

***Polk County Human Services Department
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2006***

Present: Bryan Beseler
Robert Blake
Janice Grest
John Gyllen

Larry Jepsen
David Markert
Kenneth Olson
Keith Rediske

Absent: Julie Hildebrand

Also: Phyl Brown
Sherry Gjonnes
Rich Kammerud
Pat Kirkwood

Jan Place
Cal Schladweiler
Kay Confer

Press: None

Chair Keith Rediske called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Beseler. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 31, 2006 Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Beseler, seconded by Mr. Blake. All in favor. Motion carried.

2007 Human Services Budget and Staffing Plans.

Mr. Rediske called for informal discussion on the 2007 Human Services Budget and Staffing Plans. Mr. Kammerud distributed and reviewed information on additional line item reductions to be considered in place of cutting staff positions.

Mr. Kammerud distributed and reviewed the revised *2007 Budget Considerations and Impact*.

Discussion ensued on suspension of staff positions vs. elimination. The term of “currently suspended” was agreed upon.

Motion that the positions of Mental Health/Chemical Dependency Services Coordinator and Juvenile Justice Social Worker be suspended from the 2007 Human Services Budget and Staffing Plan and to accept the *2007 Budget Considerations and Impact*, as presented today, made by Dr. Markert, seconded by Mr. Blake. All in favor. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Kammerud reported he will be working with the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency staff to develop plans to address the issue of the vacant coordinator position.

The word “eliminate” will be changed accordingly on the *2007 Budget Considerations and Impact* document. In addition, the *2007 Staffing Plans* will also be modified. The staffing plan will be presented, with the notations that the above-mentioned positions are suspended.

Dr. Markert expressed concern that legislators are not aware of the funding situation. Following discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Markert will begin drafting a letter to be sent to legislators, in an effort to help them understand.

Purchased services increases will be placed on the next Human Services Board Meeting agenda.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m. made by Ms. Grest, seconded by Mr. Olson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Beseler
Secretary