

***Polk County Human Services Department
Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2008***

Present: Bryan Beseler
Robert Blake
Julie Hildebrand
Larry Jepsen

David Markert
Kenneth Olson
Keith Rediske

Absent: John Gyllen

Also: Phyl Brown
Kay Confer
Rick Gates
Sherry Gjonnes
Rich Kammerud

Jeff Fuge
Angela Pedretti
Jan Place
Cal Schladweiler

Press: Angela Moulton, Ledger

Chairman Keith Rediske called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Verification of Meeting Notice

As requested, Ms. Brown reported the meeting was properly noticed.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Jepsen,
seconded by Mr. Beseler. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

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

Appointment of Voucher Subcommittee for April 17, 2008

The Voucher Subcommittee for April 17, 2008 will be Mr. Beseler, Ms. Hildebrand, and
Mr. Jepsen. In the event Mr. Beseler and Mr. Jepsen are not reappointed to the Human
Services Board, Mr. Gyllen will be appointed to the Voucher Subcommittee for this date.
If needed, Mr. Kammerud will contact any new Human Services Board Members to serve
on this date.

Public Comments

None.

Veterans Service Report

Mr. Gates distributed and reviewed the monthly Veterans Service Report, and
summarized recent and upcoming activities. Mr. Gates reported the Finance Committee
has approved the purchase of a vehicle for the Veterans Service Office.

No action required.

Year-End Financial Results

Ms. Kirkwood reported the Human Services Department will be \$14,811 under budget for 2007.

Psychiatric Invoice/Sacred Heart Hospital

Mr. Kammerud reported receiving an invoice from Sacred Heart Hospital for the time a psychiatrist was on hand to provide testimony for a hearing. However, the hearing was not held. Discussion ensued on who is responsible for the bill, i.e., the Human Services Department or Corporation Counsel. Further investigation as to appropriate rates for such services will be pursued. Dr. Markert expressed his concern for such an invoice by a professional at any rate. However, if we do pay the invoice, Dr. Markert believes it should be paid as a "stand-by" fee.

Motion to postpone further discussion until the next Human Services Board Meeting made by Dr. Markert, seconded by Ms. Hildebrand. All in favor. Motion carried.

Contract with Northwest Guidance and Counseling for Mobile Crisis Services

Ms. Pedretti provided an update on the contracting process, reporting the contract has not been solidified; however, services have been agreed upon. Mr. Kammerud reported on a potential issue with the union, which may delay the start-up of this contract.

No action required.

Long Term Care Resolution

Dr. Markert distributed and reviewed his report. It was noted that this information may be helpful to the any new members of the County Board of Supervisors. A copy of the resolution was distributed for review. Discussion ensued on funding for the new long term care programs.

Motion to recommend approval of the resolution to the County Board of Supervisors made by Dr. Markert, seconded by Mr. Jepsen. Further discussion ensued on the benefit of approving the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Kammerud expressed the appreciation of the Human Services Department for the support from the current Human Services Board.

2008 Management Goals/Human Services Department

Mr. Kammerud distributed and reviewed the reviewed 2008 Management Goals.

Motion to adopt the 2008 Management Goals for the Human Services Department made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Jepsen. All in favor. Motion carried.

BadgerCare Plus/Letter to the State of Wisconsin

Mr. Fuge and Ms. Place addressed this issue, suggesting postponement of such a letter until the June Human Services Board Meeting. Mr. Fuge, Mr. Kammerud, and Ms. Place will draft a potential joint letter.

Human Services Board Position on Anonymous Complaints

Rev. Rediske and others reported receiving an anonymous complaint. Discussion ensued on how to handle anonymous complaints. It was agreed that Board Members will direct complainants to the appropriate person or department.

No action required.

Rev. Rediske reported Ms. Hildebrand has resigned, effective May 1, 2008.

Motion to accept, with regret, Ms. Hildebrand's resignation from the Human Services Board made by Mr. Blake, seconded by Dr. Markert. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meth Grant – Child Protective Services

Ms. Confer provided background information on this grant -- \$20,000 a year for five years to provide financial assistance to Child Protection to address chemical dependency issues in families. The Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services unit will be collaborating with Child Protective Services in this effort.

No action required.

Drug Court

Ms. Pedretti reported funding is now being provided by the Department of Corrections for the Drug Court. The Drug Court will start on March 28, with the treatment portion of the program to start on March 31.

No action required.

Strengthening and Treating Access and Retention – State Initiative (STAR-SI Grant)

Ms. Pedretti reported the application for this grant has been submitted. We are waiting to hear if the application has been accepted. This is a five-year grant, \$6,500 per year.

No action required.

Wisconsin Initiative for Promoting Healthy Lifestyles (WIPHL/PolkADOT)

Ms. Pedretti reported having received several referrals through the WIPHL screening process, with treatment being paid through the SBIRT program.

No action required.

Continuous Quality Improvement Program/Child Protect Services

Ms. Confer provided information on the orientation session to be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room of the Justice Center.

Ms. Confer also reported that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and that the Candle Light Vigils will be held on April 2, 2008.

Position Updates

Mr. Kammerud provided the updates.

Monthly Statistics

The January, February, and March reports were distributed.

Director's Report

Mr. Kammerud inquired about the Long Term Care Services in Polk County resolution recently approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Further information will be sought from Gretchen Sampson of the Public Health Department.

Mr. Kammerud reviewed recommended changes to the Policy Development and Administration Policy recently approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kammerud reported on the opportunity to meet with the new Human Services Directors of Washburn and Burnett counties.

Board and Staff Comments

Mr. Jepsen offered information on the Meth Committee.

No action required.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Human Services Board will be on April 17, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Government Center.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. made by Dr. Markert, seconded by Mr. Blake. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Beseler

Secretary

