

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
May 2, 2006
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Judy Rossow, Ed Kubicki Ruth Booth, Bill Grady, David Arrington

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Sandy Hardt, Ron Frederick, Mark Felsing, Bob Riedl, LaVerne Jaros, Chris Hribal, Jim Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Judy Rossow, Chairperson.

1. Comments by the Chair

Being new to this committee, Judy Rossow asked everyone to introduce themselves and explain briefly what they do.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 3/7/06, 3/21/06

MOTION to approve minutes by Bill Grady, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Aging: Resolution to Modify the 2006 Budget to Add a \$64,084 Grant from the Wisconsin Division of Disability and Elder Services

LaVerne Jaros explained that this grant comes to the Division of Aging on behalf of Disability Services. Chris Hribal stated that this funding comes through the Community Options Program and will fund a new case manager. We have 52 developmentally disabled individuals residing in institutions throughout the state. There is a lot of work involved in working with Guardian ad Litem and working up case plans. We need a case manager to do this. This is a one-year grant.

MOTION to approve by Bill Grady, seconded by Ed Kubicki. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Brookside: Resolution to Transfer 2006 Budget from Minor Equipment to Capital Equipment

Sandy Hardt stated that this is a transfer of \$14,300 because these funds were inadvertently put into the wrong account. This is to purchase a riding lawn mower.

MOTION to approve by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Update on Family Care Expansion

LaVerne Jaros said that currently persons needing long-term care can receive financial assistance in a nursing home. Family Care will allow people to stay in their homes and receive care. The State is moving very quickly to initiate Family Care statewide. However, the State does not want individual counties running Family Care; they want regional providers. CCO in Milwaukee has applied to run Family Care for Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties. This will have a tremendous impact on our budget. Our fiscal staff is working on an analysis which we will bring to you at a later date. The State has an expectation that the counties will still put levy into this, and we have expressed our reservations on this in a letter to the State. We may not have fast access to dollars when we are not in control.

Ron Frederick distributed a handout and stated that persons with developmental disabilities are being relocated. This is a system that has been around since the early 70's. This population will be transitioned into a managed care environment. We currently have 330 individuals on our active case management roster. Of these 330 people, 234 are in residential or institutional settings, 193 receive day programming services, 218 receive CIP funding (federal Medicaid funds). There are 245 individuals on the waiting list.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Dennis Schultz stated that this committee requested an update on Brookside staffing problems. Bob Riedl, Sandy Hardt, and he have had meetings on this matter. It is a very complex problem, requiring a little more time to develop some solutions. We will report back in a month or two on this issue.

Jim Kennedy reported on the status of the homeless shelter. For about 2 years, a task force, consisting of representation from the County, City, and community agencies, has been meeting. The goal was to get away from INNS to a permanent site. The Shalom Center does need to move. Another agency has approached the Shalom Center with land to sell. The Shalom Center plans to submit a offer to purchase this land and hopes to begin moving forward in May. There is progress. Dennis Schultz reminded the committee that both the County and City each have offered \$250,000 towards this shelter.

Dennis Schultz extended an invitation to new committee members to tour the Job Center. Bob Riedl extended the same offer to tour Personnel.

Sharon Davis mentioned that the new committee members' agenda packet also included a listing of the Committee's meeting dates for 2006. She asked that the members please mark all of these dates in their calendars, especially the October 18th date, which is the joint committee meeting to approve the 2007 DHS budget.

8. Committee Members Comments - None

Bill Grady commented that it will be difficult to raise enough money to build a homeless shelter. He requested that Dan Melyon attend the next meeting to speak on the Shalom Center's capital fund raising plan and to explain how their board intends to proceed.

Mr. Grady also requested another issue on next month's agenda: 'Brookside's CNA's Recruitment and Retention'.

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ruth Booth, seconded by Ed Kubicki. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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