

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
September 7, 2010
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Terry Rose, Jeff Gentz, Mike Goebel, David Celebre, David Arrington, Megan Jekot & Ryan Joseph (YIG)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, Fran Petrick, Jim Truchan, LaVerne Jaros

Others Present: Joe Potente-Kenosha News

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Terry Rose.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes: 7/6/10, 8/3/10

MOTION to approve minutes by Jeff Gentz, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. 2nd Quarter Brookside Census Report

Laurie Staves stated that we budgeted 25 Medicare beds, but YTD through June, we are at 26.1. Medicaid beds are slightly above the budgeted number (at 84.5) and private pay beds are lower (at 40.4). The private pay residents have either transferred to Medicaid or they have passed away. We break even with private pay, but lose \$135 per day on Medicaid, which we make up for in Medicare. We are pretty much on target. During the upcoming 2011 budget process, we will have the entire third quarter numbers and will incorporate those into the budget discussions.

Jeff Gentz commented that these are very good numbers on paper. He asked how the new Admissions Coordinator position was doing. Fran Petrick replied that Kris Palmas carries a Blackberry, taking calls from hospitals day and night as well as on weekends, and will come in to work and handle the admission. She has set up a booth at the UW-Parkside Aging Conference, Food Folks & Spokes, and Relay for Life to get the word out that Brookside also has rehab. She loves her job. Brookside knows in advance when someone is going home, so Ms. Palmas has already contacted the hospitals to fill those rooms. One patient went home and another was admitted that same day. The hospitals are very happy with Ms. Palmas. Brookside's two social workers are also working very well with Ms. Palmas. The Union had filed a grievance on Ms. Palmas' position, but withdrew the arbitration last week.

5. DHS Year-End Projection

Laurie Staves distributed an informational report, stating that we will be breaking even within the divisions. DCFS has a levy savings of \$725,000 and will be helping DADS with its shortfall of \$708,000. DCFS has three areas which are at or below the budget; Residential Community Care, Juvenile Corrections, and Treatment Foster Care/Group

Homes. RCC's are court-ordered placements and handle the children with developmental disabilities - the most expensive out-of-home care at \$300 per day. We currently have 11 kids in RCC, of which 7 have developmental delays. All 7 will likely be referred to adult services when they turn 18. We are projected to come in below budget in this area. Juvenile Corrections has a daily rate of \$271. This area has seen a significant decrease, partly due to the Summer Youth Employment Program. The TFC rate is \$105 per day. Community-based services are used to help keep kids out of this type of care. Group Homes are \$156 per day. Overall, we should be showing a \$725,000 savings in DCFS.

There is a mental health placement levy shortfall projection of \$980,000 in the DADS budget, but these costs are stabilizing. These are state institution placements. Three individuals were placed at the institutions, representing 501 days of care from Jan-June, which is more than the normal stay of 30 days. At a cost of \$884 per day, the total cost for just these 3 individuals is \$443,000. Jim Truchan added that we just received the July bill and were able to recoup \$105,000. Also, 2 of those 3 people (who came from nursing homes) have since been placed. The third person came from Corrections and is a very hostile person who needs acute care. We are trying to balance the safety of the community and safety of the individual. We cannot give him back to Corrections, and hostile people are difficult people to place in the community.

The inpatient institution rate is increasing to \$969 per day as of October 1, 2010. We are also having to pay Medicaid costs associated with the care of these persons.

DADS will continue KARE Center diversions when possible. Mr. Truchan suggested that maybe we need a behavioral unit at Brookside Care Center, or maybe a part-time resource person could be hired to find placements and active treatment for these people. A person with a caseload of over 100 people cannot find resources for all of them.

Ms. Staves explained that \$886,000 of the \$1.9 million is for the 3 individuals alone. In 2008, there were 770 days in State institutions. These costs keep increasing.

John Jansen stated that it's the days of care that have increased, not the number of people. We don't know if we will have more people like this. It's the same with juvenile placements.

These people are indigent and have no insurance.

Terry Rose commented that "Society would say too much money is being spent on too few." You would expect \$2 million to be spent on a room full of people, not just a handful.

LaVerne Jaros clarified that other people have been served at the State institutions - not just these 3 people. These were the most expensive.

Mr. Truchan continued that we used 2,605 days of care in 2008. We budgeted 2,438 days this year. Not enough money is going into mental health. We have come before this committee before explaining the need for more money.

Mr. Jansen said that we did increase the 2010 budget but we could not predict the 3 deep-enders.

Jeff Gentz said that he would like to hear some options before Finance or Budget time. He also requested "clean" figures. Mr. Rose wondered what they do in other states and asked for this to be presented at another meeting, adding that maybe some other options are there. Mr. Jansen said that we currently don't have any prevention services for the mental health community and offered this as an option. Ms. Jaros stated that the State had looked

at other states when it was looking at revamping the Wisconsin mental health system. She will try to locate this information.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

LaVerne Jaros distributed a flyer on the MH/AODA "Virtual" Tour being held on 9/15/10 and invited all committee members to attend.

8. Committee Members Comments - None

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Jeff Gentza, seconded by Mike Goebel. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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