

SPECIAL HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

April 19, 2011

Kenosha County Administration Building

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

Committee Members Absent: David Arrington (excused)

Staff Present: John Jansen, Laurie Staves, Adelene Greene

Others Present: Joe Potente-Kenosha News, Co. Bd. Supr. Doug Noble

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Terry Rose.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 4/12/11

MOTION to approve minutes by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Mike Goebel. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to Oppose the Centralization of Economic Support Programs as Proposed in the State 2011-2013 Biennial Budget

Terry Rose stated that this is the alternate resolution with the points we discussed at the last meeting.

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Mike Goebel. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Discussion of WCA Human Services Capital Day on 4/6/11

John Jansen said that WCA held a Human Services Capital Day on April 6th. Last year, 150 people attended. This year there were 600, an indication that the Governor's budget got the attention of many people. Those attending from Kenosha included John Jansen, Ron Rogers, Adelene Greene, Cindy Johnson, Boyd Frederick, and Jim Kreuser. We met with Samantha Kerkman who made arrangements to meet with some very supportive people, including Robin Vos, Jt. Finance Co-Chair, and John Nygren, a member of Jt. Finance. They understood our explanation of how we draw down federal dollars. Eric Schutt, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office, spent about 45 minutes with us. He was quite interested in the public-private partnerships we have built. He also understood where we are at with the MA dollars. We met with the staff of Bob Wirch and John Steinbrink, and with Peter Barca, and they are all very supportive.

The Governor's Office had submitted their IM plan to the federal government, but it was not approved. The work needs to be done by public employees - not private. The State is now working on changes to their plan. Some or all of the IM work will stay with the counties, and we will be able to continue providing services to those in need. WCHSA is working on a counter proposal to present to the State.

Boyd Frederick stated that we need to change what the government wants to do with IM. Most of our state legislators understand that Family Care and IM need to stay the same. It's only the new legislators who don't understand yet. He will keep in touch with the representatives, hoping to educate them.

Mr. Jansen added that during the WCA meeting, they discussed Family Care and the waiting lists scheduled to begin on June 20th, Juvenile Corrections closing a facility and merging with another, Child Support and IM issues.

Laurie Staves explained that \$3.9 million is the total levy. This is the amount the State wants to take from our Community Aids allocation. Mr. Rose thought it was outrageous for the State to think they could take those local tax dollars. Mr. Jansen said the State knows what it is. Eric Schutt in the Governor's Office said that the view is that changes have to be made but he likes the work we are doing in Kenosha.

David Celebre asked if the State is talking about changing the one line item for IM reporting to break it down. Ms. Staves replied that it was an inaccurate assumption on the part of the State and it has been clarified now.

Jeff Gentz asked if any thought has been given to inviting some of these key players to Kenosha to see how we do it here. They may not accept, but he would like them to get the perspective of the clients we serve. Mr. Jansen replied that that invitation was extended to everyone they met with on Capital Day.

Mr. Jansen said that the State will have to back off on some of this because the federal government won't let them privatize IM. It has to be done by government workers. The ESC expanded for state-wide eligibility received a corrective action plan from the federal government at the same time.

Mr. Rose said the State's goal is to make it more difficult to become eligible and to slow down the process. They will have fewer people applying because they will get discouraged. Then a year from now, the State will conclude that because they have fewer people enrolled now, this means that people were previously being made eligible and should not have been. This is an issue that should be shared with Senator Kohl's office.

6. DHS 2010 Close-Out

Laurie Staves distributed the 2010 Closeout Report. DCFS had additional federal/state revenue of \$300,000, savings of \$980,349 in placements, provider contract savings of \$300,000, and personnel savings of \$150,000 because of a health insurance credit. Total DCFS savings = \$1,730,349.

DADS had additional federal revenue of \$60,000, provider contract savings of \$47,500, personnel savings of \$62,500, but an increase in MH residential and institute placements costs of \$516,000. In September, when we reported to this Committee, DADS had a deficit of \$700,000, and this has since been cut in half. DADS deficit = \$346,000.

Health had additional revenue of \$42,667, personnel savings of \$54,961, and provider contract savings of \$30,000. Health savings = \$127,628.

Brookside had a deficit of \$660,171, which includes coverage of \$730,000 debt service payment (which will be completed in 2013).

Total 2010 DHS budget close-out leaves an excess of \$851,806 lapsing to the General Fund. This is the largest amount DHS has ever given back to the General Fund.

Detailing Brookside's 2010 Year End, the Private Pay census is down, for a revenue shortage of \$1.1 million. Because of this trend, the 2011 PP census was reduced from 46 to 38. Medicaid made the difference in beds, ending with extra revenue of \$427,746. Medicare beds had a revenue excess of \$80,000. Total census income was short \$616,625. We received \$64,000 more Supplemental Payment than budgeted and other miscellaneous revenue of \$33,000, which brought this shortage down to \$519,287.

A&S pay was \$179,000 over budget. To help alleviate this problem, in 2011 we have created an LPN and CNA pool so we don't need to use contracted agencies or pay overtime to employees. 1392 negotiated an extra 3 vacation days to be paid out in 2010, and this \$73,000 was not budgeted for. This is also included for years 2011 and 2012. Overtime was over budget by \$242,000. We have increased the 2011 overtime budget. But with the 2 new pools, we should be able to reduce the overtime. There was a health insurance savings of \$463,489. Net Personnel was over budget by \$147,318. The State bed assessment charges increased on 7/1, for a total shortage of \$18,480.

Brookside's total year-end budget shortfall is \$660,171, but this includes \$730,000 of debt service which will be completed in 2013. We have only 2 more years to budget for this.

Ms. Staves reviewed the 2011 Census and Revenue Report. The Medicare census is increasing. As of 4/14, it was at 29. Private Pay is still short at 31, and we are over in Medicaid at 93 beds. We are almost on target in revenue, with a \$6,000 difference through the first quarter.

Jeff Gentz asked that this committee be kept informed on how the LPN and CNA pools are working out and how it is affecting personnel costs. Ms. Staves said that she will be presenting a quarterly Department report, including all divisions, and this information will be in that report.

Doug Noble asked if we are still getting reimbursed for the Brookside debt service. Ms. Staves explained that the Supplemental Payment used to be based on our losses, but it changed about 3 years ago. It is now rate-based on an overall census mix. We receive about \$8,000 - \$9,000 annually.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None

8. Committee Members Comments

Jeff Gentz asked if this meeting could be kept on a Tuesday night. Doug Noble said that they would all meet after the County Board to discuss this and come to an agreement.

9. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Mike Goebel. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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