

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats, a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Board** was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 in Board Room A of the Sophie Beaumont Building – 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chairman Tom Lund
Bill Clancy, Susan Hyland, Craig Huxford, Helen Smits, JoAnn Grashberger,
John Van Dyck

Excused: Paula Landrie, Carole Andrews

Also

Present: Jeremy Kral, Executive Director
Nancy Fennema, Director of Community Programs
Roberta Morschauser, Hospital & Nursing Home Administrator
Tim Schmitt, Finance Manager
Mark Johnson, Social Services & Rehab Manager

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Lund at 5:15 pm.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda:

GRASCHBERGER/HYLAND moved to approve the agenda.
The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2013 Human Services Board Meeting:

HUXFORD/SMITS moved to approve the minutes dated December 12, 2013.
The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Jeremy Kral presented and handed a written report to the board (attached).

County Board Member John Van Dyck entered at 5:21 p.m.

Citizen Board Member Huxford stated to the board that the Veteran's Treatment Court has moved from 3:30 pm on Friday afternoons to 9:30 a.m. Friday mornings. This will make it easier for people to attend. Huxford encourages board to stop by to see how the court runs. They are having their second graduation the last Friday of this month and everyone is invited.

CLANCY/SMITS moved to receive and place on file.
Motion was carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report

Schmitt had submitted a written report with the board packet agenda.

Q: Chairman Lund asked if our financial forecast will be better next year with adding the CBRF at the Community Treatment Center.

A: Schmitt stated we are expecting the revenue streams to be more favorable. It is a matter of controlling our costs. A difference in budgeting in 2014 is that we will budget wages and fringes at actual instead of at the highest step.

Q: Chairman Lund asked if we do see any surplus when we have vacant positions.

A: Schmitt stated that the favorable budget variances in the packet for both CP and CTC are partially due to open positions. Kral stated that when HR gives departments estimates of personnel costs for the year, they do budget in a certain level of turnover.

Q: County Board Member Van Dyck asked if the current fund balance is anticipated to change.

A: Schmitt stated that we are forecasting the fund balance not to change as much as expected. We planned to use \$1.8 million from fund balance in 2013, expenditure from fund balance is expected to be less than that. Kral added that based on currently available information fund balance is expected to be pretty stable. Chairman Lund added that the fund balance has been created for emergency purposes and not for budgeting. If a client is sent to a state facility for an extended period, it is going to be depleted. Kral also added that much of the fund balance is slated to be used for one-time uses, as in family care transition.

VAN DYCK/HUXFORD moved to receive and place on file.
Motion was carried unanimously.

6. Statistical Reports:

Please refer to the packet which includes this information.

7. Approval for New Non-Continuous Vendor:

Please refer to the packet which includes this information.

8. Request for New Vendor Contract:

Please refer to the packet which includes this information.

9. Other Matters:

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2014
5:15 p.m. – Sophie Beaumont Building, Board Room A

10. Adjourn Business Meeting:

HYLAND/SMITS moved to adjourn; motion passed unanimously. Chairman Lund adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara Navin
Recording Secretary

Executive Director's Report to the Human Services Board

January 9, 2014

Members of the Board:

It is with great excitement that I am able to introduce two additions to our department's senior management team. Roberta Morschauser has begun her work in the role of Hospital and Nursing Home Administrator. Her background is in nursing and she brings with her great energy, ambition, and experience in nursing home supervision and administration. Nancy Fennema has joined us in the role of Director of Community Programs. Nancy is a social worker and counselor by training who has been working most recently with Catholic Charities. Some of you may be familiar with her from her former work as the Director of Aspiro, and Nancy also has served as Deputy Director and Interim Director with Rock County Human Services among other leadership roles. Nancy brings exceptional experience, dedication to client care, and management values among many other skills.

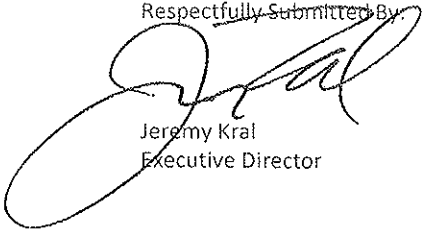
The Bay Haven Crisis Stabilization CBRF has now opened its doors. It is being used as intended to allow for stabilizing people with crisis mental health concerns who do not necessarily need the locked acute psychiatric care available in the Nicolet hospital. The hospital's director of nursing, Jed Berndt has prudently and pragmatically been scaling up the operations so that we maintain our ability to provide skillful care for consumers as we begin this new program. To date, our experience from the service provision and administration perspective has been very good. It is too early to have data on consumer response to the facility but anecdotally it seems to be going very well.

In the area of Long-Term Care, we continue to make preliminary preparations in anticipation of Family Care expansion. The recent report from Wisconsin DHS to the Joint Finance Committee presented a strongly favorable impression of long term care expansion. If the legislature and governor elect to proceed, Family Care expansion could occur in 2015 in Brown County. We expect that a decision will be made in the coming weeks. Senator Cowles has introduced for co-sponsorship a senate bill which would provide authorization for long-term care expansion as well.

Outpatient behavioral health has an exciting initiative underway. Ian Agar and his team are developing a consortium to deliver Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) programming. CCS provides for cost-based reimbursement for psycho-social rehabilitation services for people with mental illness or substance abuse needs. The most recent state budget created a pathway toward having this program paid for by state and federal dollars (removing local levy) if the participating counties created a regional model. Our partners at this stage are Manitowoc, Calumet, Winnebago, and Outagamie counties, giving us a large population base with which to seek efficiencies and economies of scale while strengthening overall service delivery in the region.

In the 2014 Brown County budget, the County Executive proposed and the County Board ratified a \$75,000 expenditure for Mental Health Initiatives. Human Services is working on a proposal which would use that funding to create a full-time position which would work in the alternative courts. The proposal is currently not complete, but will be soon. Brown County Drug Court is the most well-established of the treatment courts, with the Veteran's Treatment Court also being in operation currently. This department has also been in discussions with Judge Zuidmulder regarding establishing a mental health court and expanding our alternative courts model to Marinette County and others, replicating the institutional knowledge that Brown County has gained. Alternative court participants need not be housed in the jail as they may otherwise be, and are incentivized to engage in treatment and pro-social behaviors, which we believe is a more effective means of addressing the root cause. Alternative courts are by no means the "easy way" and those who do not meet the terms of participation have been removed from the programs and picked back up by the traditional criminal court system.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Jeremy Kral
Executive Director