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, February 9, 2023, at Brown County Sophie Beaumont Building, Boardrooms A & B; 111 N Jefferson St; Green Bay, WI 54301

Present: Supervisor Tom Lund; Kathryn Dykes; Jean Marsch; Laura McCoy; Leslie Ousley; Supervisor Randy Schultz

Excused: Michael Conley-Kuhagen; Kara Gruber, Hospital & Nursing Home Administrator

Also Present: Jeremy Kral, Executive Director
Jenny Hoffman, Community Services Administrator
Eric Johnson, Finance Manager
Cathy Foss, Office Manager

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1. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair, Supervisor Tom Lund at 6:00 pm.

2. Approve / Modify Agenda
SCHULTZ / MARSCH moved to approve the February 9, 2023 agenda.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

3. Approve Minutes of January 12, 2023, Human Services Board Meeting
McCOY / DYKES moved to approve the minutes dated January 12, 2023.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

4. Public Comment
Scott Dempsey; 441 S. Quincy St.; Green Bay, WI
Mr. Dempsey shared his concern regarding homelessness in our area. There has been a homeless person staying in his neighborhood. Mr. Dempsey spoke with his County Board Supervisor who stated that all shelters in the area are full, which caused the homeless person in his neighborhood to not have shelter after November 1, even after St. John's has opened. He believes we need to increase the number of places where people can stay. Mr. Dempsey referenced a You Tube channel, Second Thought, and their video *How Finland Ended Homelessness* (https://youtu.be/kbEavDqA8iE).

5. Executive Director's Report.
Executive Director Jeremy Kral distributed his February 2023 report at the meeting.

In the 2023 County Board Budget for the Health & Human Services Department, there was $1 million ARPA dollars set aside for community projects. A competitive award process for non-profits in our area will focus on private enterprises that align with the work of the Health & Human Services department. The application has been finalized, is available to the public, with the application period ending March 3.

During the Governor's State of the State address a couple weeks ago, he stated approximately $500 million is being invested to expand access to mental and behavioral health services throughout the state. Some specific items mentioned include investments to alleviate the shortage of psychiatrists and mental health providers, as well as increased support for peer-run and community-based services. When the budget is released, it will be evaluated, debated and typically is approved in June.

HHS Senior Leaders are participating in Health & Human Services Day at the Capitol on April 12. This event is organized by the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association (WCHSA). We will meet with the state representatives for the Brown County area to discuss Health & Human Services priorities.

We have been doing promotion on social media for recruitment of a third Law Enforcement Clinician position. Recruitment for positions requiring advanced training continues to be challenging due to a shortage of professionals as well as the competitive market.

Supervisor Lund inquired about sending clients to Winnebago or Mendota instead of caring for them locally. Kral mentioned that starting in 2021 we saw a trend go up through the first half of 2022 when it stabilized, and we saw the trend move downward. Several times a month, individuals may go to Winnebago instead of staying at Nicolet, and we are working to reduce that number. The primary reason someone may be sent to Winnebago is based on the acuity of their needs and the support needed is greater than what can be provided at Nicolet. Because of COVID, there had been delays in some staff trainings. We have some upcoming training on-site at CTC to train 14 staff members in a train-the-trainer crisis response including supporting clients with more severe needs while maintaining safety of clients and staff.

We recently hosted three 4th year-residents training in psychiatry from the Medical College of Wisconsin on rotation at CTC. The residents have provided very positive feedback on their experiences with the County.

SCHULTZ / McCOY moved to receive and place on file the Executive Director's report for February 2023. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

6. Community Services Administrator Report

Community Services Administrator, Jenny Hoffman, presented updates in a verbal report.

Hoffman shared that leadership from our Adult Behavioral Health Program Area will provide a presentation at the March Human Services Board meeting discussing the services provided at our Outpatient Clinic located at Community Treatment Center.

The State Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 75 was overhauled and went into effect October 1, 2022. This rule sets the minimum standards for substance use prevention, intervention and treatment services delivered across a variety of settings and levels of care including our outpatient clinic. One item she highlighted was the requirement to have Narcan on site and staff trained to administer at the Outpatient Clinic. Hoffman recognized Public Health's Kris Kovacic who did 10 different trainings for 67 of our outpatient staff. Policy has been developed by Jeremy Kral and Corporation Counsel.

Mark Vanden Hoogen, the Program Manager for Criminal Justice Services, applied for and received, additional funding through the Department of Justice for our treatment alternatives and diversion grants. That funding will allow us to expand Young Adult treatment court, which is considered a pilot at this point. These funds will also help us expand (serve more clients) in heroin and drug court as well. We are in the process of requesting new positions that will help support these courts.

Hoffman then highlighted information from the Child Protective Services (CPS) Report. Lauren Krukowski, our CPS Coordinator, pulls this report together monthly. On the lefthand side of the report, is data regarding referrals. Anyone can make a report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child – can be a mandated reporter (teacher, counselors, therapists, law enforcement, etc.) or the community at large. We take the referrals and determine if they meet Wisconsin law as to what we need to investigate. The "screen ins" are then assigned to one of our CPS professionals to investigate. "Screen outs" are those that didn't rise to the level to meet statutory requirements, and

are not formally investigated. We also receive reports requesting services for families that don't rise to abuse/neglect, but these are services and supports to help stabilize the family with services within the community.

We recently received an increase in Targeted Safety Support Funds (TSSF) funds from the State, and these help us keep children safe in the home by surrounding them with supports.

The Brown County Family Center is where we offer visitations between children who are out of the home with their parents in hopes of reunification. Friends of Pals, Youth & Families fund-raise to support our Children, Youth & Families Program Area as far as needs we may have. They were able to raise $16,000 in donations to assist Children, Youth & Families. We are grateful to them as well as Give Big Green Bay.

Budget papers from Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association (WCHSA) – We are very involved with our human services association, WCHSA. They do a really nice job meeting with counties to come up with budget priorities and develop these papers. These in-depth papers help legislators understand the actions requested of them as they proceed through the budget process.

Keep Children at Home: This is always the goal state-wide; and achieving that vision requires investments from our government. As an association, they outlined different areas and programs which may include requests for additional funding as well as alternative options and opportunities for statutory changes or program changes that would help counties as we serve the public.

Some of the programs included in this budget paper are:
- Birth to 3, an early intervention state-mandated program funded primarily at the county-level.
- Child Welfare Prevention Services as well as Child and Families allocation
- Children's Long Term Services
- Community-based Youth Justice Services
- Professional Foster Care Parent Model
- Recruitment of Human Services Workforce
- Residential Care Facilities

Help People When They Need Help: This is for adult services.

Some of the programs included in this budget paper are:
- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Support Programs (CSP)
- Mental Health programs in general
- Recruitment of Human Services Workforce
- Economic Support: Medicaid and FoodShare

MARSCH / DYKES moved to receive and place on file the Community Services Administrator report for February 2023. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

7. CTC Administrator Report including NPC Monthly Report

Executive Director, Jeremy Kral, provided an update from Kara Gruber's report.

Kral shared we are welcoming back Samantha Behling as our Director of Health Services. She will start at the end of February.

SCHULTZ / MARSCH moved to receive and place on file the CTC Administrator Report for January 2023. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

8. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Services

Finance Manager, Eric Johnson, distributed and highlighted items from his February 2023 Financial Report.

Johnson shared the books have not yet been closed for 2022 or for January 2023.

Community Treatment Center (CTC) & Community Services personnel costs through February 4 is under budget but is a challenge because of vacancies. The premium pay is higher due to paying overtime, shift differentials and incentives.

The census at CTC shows that Bay Shore Village is above budget, while Nicolet Psychiatric Center is under budget; we budgeted this higher because we are trying to increase usage. Bay Haven, the Community-Based Residential Facility (CBRF) is under budget.

SCHULTZ / MARSCH moved to receive and place on file the February 2023 Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Services. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

9. Statistical Reports a, b, & c

a. Monthly CTC Data – Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Center/Bayshore Village
b. Child Protective Services – Child Abuse/Neglect Report
c. Monthly Contract Update

McCOY / SCHULTZ moved to suspend rules and take items #9a, b & c together. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

SCHULTZ / McCOY moved to receive and place on file Statistical Reports #9a, b & c. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

10. Request for New Non-Contracted Provider & New Provider Contract

MARSCH / DYKES moved to receive and place on file the Request for New Non-Contracted Provider & New Provider Contract report. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

11. Adjourn Meeting:

McCOY / MARSCH moved to adjourn. Voice vote taken. Motion carried unanimously without abstentions.

Chair, Supervisor Lund adjourned the meeting 6:53 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Foss
Office Manager