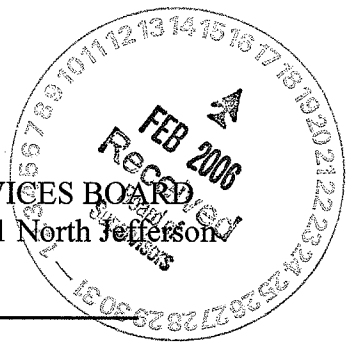

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. A regular meeting of the HUMAN SERVICES BOARD was held on February 2, 2006, 5:15 p.m. at Brown County Human Services, 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Tom Lund, Barb Bauer, Dave Nelson, Diana Luder, Randy Westcott, Dottie Schoenleber, Chris Zabel, Joanne Graschberger, and Paula Geishirt

Excused: April Strom.

Present: Beth Manning, Tom Eggebrecht, Holly Baseman, Kevin Lunog, Kristine Hutchison, Diane Pivonka, and Mary VandeLeest of the Human Services Department, Bill Labine from Jackie Nitschke Center and interested parties.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

1. Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA.

MOTION WAS MADE BY WESTCOTT AND SECONDED BY LUDER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2006 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING.

MOTION WAS MADE BY LUDER AND SECONDED BY WESCOTT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2006 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PRESENTATION BY JACKIE NITSCHKE CENTER.

Director Manning introduced Bill Labine, Executive Director of the Jackie Nitschke Center. Mr. Labine handed out information on the Center and introduced three of the Jackie Nitschke Center Board Members, Ron Metzler, Frank Bennett and Paul Strand, members of a 14 member Board. Mr. Labine explained the residential, outpatient and follow-up components of the Jackie Nitschke Center and gave a brief history of the Center. Mr. Labine went over statistics from the Center's 2005 Quarterly Outcome Report which was handed out to the Board. Mr. Labine also explained a grant which the Center had received which was used and is being used for process improvement. Discussion was held and questions answered.

5. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRAUMA & MENTAL HEALTH.

Director Manning introduced Clinical Support Services Unit Coordinator Kevin Lunog and AODA Services Manager Kristine Hutchison to speak on the relationship between trauma and mental health. Mr. Lunog and Ms. Hutchison handed out information on the effects of trauma on mental health and substance abuse. Ms. Hutchison said one of the key components found in people being treated for AODA or mental health problems is trauma and she listed an example. Ms. Hutchison spoke of a program she attended called "Risking Connection," a training curriculum for working with survivors of childhood abuse and she is a certified trainer of this curriculum.

The "definition of trauma" refers to severe neglect, emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse, as well as physical and sexual assault. Trauma may also encompass the effects of long-term separation from caregivers, repeated childhood hospitalizations or medical procedures, or any other horrible experience that feels totally overwhelming. Ms. Hutchison explained traumatic stress which describes the effects of traumatic experience which have an affect on body and/or mind. Ms. Hutchison explained who are "survivor" clients and the fact that a trauma framework does not necessarily mean uncovering memories. Ms. Hutchison listed some of the challenges of trauma work. These include: external obstacles at a societal level; coping mechanisms developed by survivors can lead to severe symptoms; interpersonal styles developed by survivors make forming the healing alliance difficult; survivors may come to the mental health system with skepticism and fear, based on their previous negative experiences.

Ms. Hutchison said they want to establish a relationship and the acronym for that is the word RICH: Respect, Information, Connection, Hope. Ms. Hutchison elaborated on these and discussion was held and questions answered.

6. COCE TRAINING.

Director Manning introduced Holly Baseman, Training Coordinator. Ms. Baseman explained what COCE Training is. The training will take place February 15 and 16 with the first day covering trauma and the second day covering co-occurring disorders. The training was put together by SAMHSA and COCE received a grant to provide this training so there will be no charge to the county. Ms. Baseman puts together a calendar of training available for staff, as well as organizes trainings for staff. The Human Services Board is invited to attend these trainings as their time permits if the training does not have stipulations as to attendees. The calendar will be e-mailed to them. Discussion was held.

7. BAY VIEW STAFFING AND FUNDING ISSUES (ICF-MR).

Director Manning and Inpatient Services Director Diane Pivonka presented on this item. Ms. Manning handed out the "Draft" 2006 ICF-MR Budget. Ms. Manning stated in January the department realized that the census on the ICF-MR unit was below 2006 anticipated numbers. The 2006 budget was based on an average of 28 patients in the ICF Unit. Today there are 18 patients. By March 1 it is projected there will be 15 and by this summer there will be 10. With the census drop to 15 on March 1 the department will lose $100,000 in revenue every month through the remainder of the year; which means the department will be facing over $1 million deficit. Census numbers are declining due to the state relocation initiative for ICF-MRs.

Director Manning and Ms. Pivonka are looking to reduce the ICF-MR bed license fee from $445/mo to $75/mo by converting 17 vacant beds (beginning March 1, 2006) to skilled nursing beds. Gerry Born, the Department's consultant, has been talking with Dave Lund, the nursing home rates person at the State, who said that there is a chance the department could restrict the use of the nursing home beds. This means the State would allow the County to restrict their use for up to a year and the County wouldn't pay any tax on those 17 beds. The department will look at this first. Ms. Manning went over the deficit reduction plan with the Human Services Board and said even with all the changes the department can only project $528,870 worth of savings. With all this the department is still looking at a deficit of $496,674 at this time. Ms. Manning said this is not good news and they have met with the Unions on this. On the 13th of February Ms. Manning, Ms. Pivonka, Human Resources and the Unions will be holding 5 informational sessions on this issue for all Mental Health Center shifts.

In response to questions Tom Eggebrecht stated that things were going well with Bellin since the beginning of the contract on January 1. As far as he was aware there have been no denials however Bellin will be sending their monthly report to the Human Services Committee. Discussion was held.

8. DISCUSSION TOPIC: COORDINATED SERVICE TEAMS (GRANT).

Mr. Eggebrecht briefly went over initiatives the department started in the last year and the grants it obtained as a result of those. The grant process within the department is ongoing and all the initiatives fit together. The grant the Human Services Board received information on was for quality improvement planning for the Community Support Program and the Comprehensive Community Services Program. The program for which the department just received certification now has an opportunity to focus on quality improvement for that. With the grant the department wants to make sure the principles and the values the department testified it would embrace in the Comprehensive Community Services Program are actually implemented. Mr. Eggebrecht talked about ROSA, a partnership between the Management Group and consumers, and its use as an evaluation tool in Brown County; and also talked about a contract for training on motivational interviewing with University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (staff time to attend paid for through a grant). Mr. Eggebrecht said the department will be forming a Quality Assurance Team that will be monitoring how the department is doing on those efforts collectively. Discussion was held.

Mr. Eggebrecht explained that the department anticipates applying for a Coordinated Service Teams grant. This grant moves these concepts into Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice. It requires a consumer centered, family based, recovery oriented approach. Discussion was held.

9. COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ITEMS.

Dr. Diana Luder said her committee is calling itself "Children's Mental Health Task Force." Dr. Luder asked if there was a parent's support group for those families with children at Lincoln Hills. It was the consensus of Human Services Department personnel that there was not, and Dr. Luder said this is an item that her committee wanted brought up – that they would like to see a parent support group for those families. Discussion was held.

10. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

Dr. Luder asked about the Long Term Care presentation by the State. The presentation had already taken place and hand outs would be sent to Human Services Board members.

Dave Nelson said he attended a meeting of the Radio Communication Inter-Operability Commission and an elected official raised the question of communication for people other than just law enforcement. They were wondering about Human Services and the fact that the social workers are often put in risky situations. Mr. Nelson asked if the department could identify the need, number etc., and look into a system, perhaps a portable unit with a panic button.

Director Manning said that the department is looking at security issues at the MHC and they have been talking about portable units as part of that. Director Manning agreed this needed to be looked at as a part of long term planning as Mr. Nelson suggested. Discussion was held.

11. ADJOURN.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GEISHIRT AND SECONDED BY LUDER TO ADJOURN AT 6:45 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

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