August 16, 2006

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE met in regular session on August 2, 2006, and recommends the following motions:

1. Review minutes of:
   a) Human Services Board (7/6/06).
   b) Board of Health (3/20/06 & 4/24/06)
   c) Children with Disabilities Education Board (6/14/06).
   d) Community Options Program Appeals Cmte (7/24/06).
   Receive & place on file.

2. Informational - Brian Schoeneck from the Wisconsin Association of Homes & Services for the Aging to speak at Special Human Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 prior to County Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. No action.

3. Communication from Supervisor Steve Fewell re: Mental Health Center Downsizing Agreement. Direct Supervisor Fewell share this information with Chairman Lund and that Chairman Lund obtain an outside legal opinion on this.

4. Communication from Supervisor Guy Zima re: Human Services Committee to review staffing at the Brown County Mental Health Center in regard to allegations that the administration has ordered that replacement staff is not to be called into fill in for staff that are out on sick leave or vacation leave. (Referred from July County Board.) Receive & place on file.

5. Communication from Supervisor Andy Nicholson re: Request review of process of OWI assessment through the County of Brown. (Held from previous meeting.) Refer to Public Safety.

6. Communication from Supervisor Steve Fewell re: Request access to and copies of RFP information for 1) Human Services Study awarded to Virchow Krause; 2) Renovation of Mental Health Center awarded to Raasch & Associates; 3) Renovation design for MHC awarded to Epstein; 4) Brown County Health Plan awarded to Aurora; 5) Remodeling the MHC Pharmacy to Raasch & Associates; 6) Brown County Arena Roof; & 7) External Auditor awarded to Clifton & Gunderson. (Held from previous meeting.) Put this on September agenda, with the information provided.

7. Syble Hopp School - Discussion of Syble Hopp School budget. Approve.

8. Syble Hopp School - Resolution re: Authorizing Fund Raising Campaign and Construction of a Residential Housing Complex for Use by Syble Hopp School. Committee approved. See Resolutions, Ordinances August County Board.

9. Syble Hopp School - Director's report. Receive & place on file.

10. Veterans' Department - Budget Status Financial Report for June 30, 2006. Approve.

11. Veterans' Department - Director's report. Approve.

12. Health Dept. - Request for Budget Transfer: Category 4: Interdepartmental Transfer (including contingency or general fund transfers): Transfer of funds from a "Reserved Health" fund balance account from restricted-use grant carryover funds to purchase outdated or needed equipment, particularly computers. Refer back to staff.

13. Health Dept. - Budget Status Financial Report for June 30, 2006. Receive & place on file.

14. Health Dept. - Director's report. Receive & place on file.

15. Human Services Dept. - Contract Update (standing item). Receive & place on file.

16. Human Services Dept. - Bellin Psychiatric Center Update. Receive & place on file.

17. Human Services Dept. - Mental Health Center statistics & update. Receive & place on file.

18. Human Services Dept. - Community Programs Crisis Capacity Plan. Have this brought back as a community programs crisis capacity plan resolution, with the fiscal impact spelled out, the requested items from the state in writing, and plans to buy or build a crisis/respite home.

19. Human Services Dept. - Resolution re: Authorizing the Discontinuance of the Brown County Mental Health Unit for Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded. (Held from previous meeting for new wording.) Refer to staff for corrections.

20. Human Services Dept. - Fiscal Forecasts (to be mailed under separate cover). Receive & place on file.

21. Audit of bills. Pay the bills.

Approved by:

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE Date

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis, Stats, a meeting of the **Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Patrick Evans, Guy Zima, Steve Fewell, Chris Zabel, Mary Scray, Joe VanDeurzen, Pat LaViolette.

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Supervisor Jack Krueger, Tom Eggebrecht, Diane Pivonka, Jill Rowland, Beth Manning, Jessica Stoller, Barb Natelle, Jerr Polus, Judy Friederichs, News Media and Other Interested Parties.

Prior to the meeting, a Public Hearing was held re: Comments from Vendors on the 2007 Human Services Budget

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
   The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 6:35 p.m.

2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA.

   A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO MODIFY THE AGENDA TAKE ITEMS #11, 12, 13, 22 AND 23 AFTER ITEM #5. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVE/MODIFY MINUTES OF
   a) Regular session of July 5, 2006.
   b) Special session of July 17, 2006.

   A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO APPROVE 3a AND 3b. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. APPROVE/MODIFY MINUTES OF:
   a) Human Services Board (7/6/06).
   b) Board of Health (3/20/06 & 4/24/06).
   c) Children With Disabilities Education Board (6/14/06).
   d) Community Options Program Appeals Cmte. (7/24/06).

   Supervisor Fewell pointed out that the Human Services Board did make a recommendation of 2% in regard to the increase of contracted services. He expressed disappointment that they have not received a preliminary budget draft from the Human Services Board and submitted a copy of a legal opinion and state statute pertaining to this (see attached).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR LA VIOLETTE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Comments from the Public/Such other matters as authorized by law.

5. There were no comments from the public.

At this point, the committee discussed items #11, 12, 13, 22 and 23 (in that order).

Informational

6. BRIAN SCHOENECK FROM THE WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF HOMES & SERVICES FOR THE AGING TO SPEAK AT SPECIAL HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006 PRIOR TO COUNTY BOARD MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

Chair Evans pointed out that some Supervisors cannot make the 5:00 time so he will set up the meeting to be at 5:30 p.m., prior to the County Board meeting.

Supervisor La Violette was excused from the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Communications

7. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE FEWELL RE: MENTAL HEALTH CENTER DOWNSIZING AGREEMENT.

Supervisor Steve Fewell stated that the committee saw the downsizing agreement in draft form, did not see it in a finalized form and this committee and the County Board never voted specifically on the downsizing agreement. He received a legal opinion from Corporation Counsel, which says that the vote on the budget book authorized a phase down agreement as a policy initiative. Page 274 of the 2004 Budget states *"Phase Down of Unit 3-4. Again, significant savings would be realized by providing services based on current conditions and census activity".* Supervisor Fewell said the reality is that units 3 and 4 are Developmentally Disabled units and have nothing to do with units 2, 6 and 8, which are the nursing home units. He added that we have never passed a resolution that says *"Phase down of unit 3-4. Again, significant savings would be realized by providing services based on current conditions and census activity".* Supervisor Fewell said nursing home beds were turned back in to the state by Administration without this County Board ever voting on it. In regard to the responsibility of the Human Services Director, he alluded to Wisconsin State Statute 46.23 (6m)(c) which says *"Determine, subject to the approval of the County Board of Supervisors and with the advice of the County Human Services Board under sub. (5m), whether services are to be provided directly by the County Department of Human Services or contracted for with other providers and make such contracts. The County Board of Supervisors may elect to require the approval of any such contract by the County Board of Supervisors".* Supervisor Fewell recommended seeking legal advice to determine our legal responsibilities and the legality of this issue. He pointed out that the statement in the budget book is the information that was presented on November 8th, on November 9th, a detailed agreement is signed with the State and the County Board never saw it. Additionally, he said the Human Services Board has not presented a budget and these things have to come before us.

Supervisor Scray stated that other departments come up with their policy initiatives during budget time to determine how to meet their target levy and we do not vote on them until

they come forward in the budget. Supervisor Fewell explained that the policy initiative pertains to the phase down of Units 3 and 4 and Units 2, 6 and 8 were not addressed, but there is an agreement made with the State on Units 2,6 and 8. Supervisor Zima stated that the Administration operated without the authority of the County Board in what it appears state statute requires and we need to have legal counsel on this.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL TO DIRECT SUPERVISOR FEWELL TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH CHAIRMAN LUND AND THAT CHAIRMAN LUND OBTAIN AN OUTSIDE LEGAL OPINION ON THIS. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISOR GUY ZIMA RE: HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE TO REVIEW STAFFING AT THE BROWN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN REGARD TO ALLEGATIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS ORDERED THAT REPLACEMENT STAFF IS NOT TO BE CALLED IN TO FILL IN FOR STAFF THAT ARE OUT ON SICK LEAVE OR VACATION LEAVE. (REFERRED FROM JULY COUNTY BOARD).

Inpatient Services Director Diane Pivonka and Scheduling Supervisor Mary Kotecki came forward to discuss the communication. Mr Pivonka stated that at the time of the receipt of the communication, she had not made any directives regarding the allegations. Since then, she has issued directives regarding how to staff Unit 8 and she basically has 5 CNA's assigned to the floor and 1 on a one-to-one basis. She has met with staff of the unit to discuss their concerns and there will currently be 6 CNA's and 1 for one-to-one. A discussion ensued on the process to fill staff vacancies Ms Pivonka said that, to her knowledge, that unit has not been operating short staffed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW INTERESTED PARTIES TO SPEAK. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Joe Setton, 998 School Place, Green Bay, WI introduced himself as a staff member and explained the difficulty in caring for patients on Unit 8 and said they were told they could not have a 6th staff member. He said he has been told the situation has been resolved.

Dave Johnson, 724 Park Street, Green Bay, WI stated that if we are operating out of compliance, then get the State in here to investigate.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor Zima stated that he is satisfied that better efforts are going to be made.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISOR ANDY NICHOLSON RE: REQUEST REVIEW OF THE PROCESS OF OWI ASSESSMENT THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BROWN. (HELD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY . Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE FEWELL RE: REQUEST ACCESS TO AND COPIES OF RFP INFORMATION FOR : **1)** HUMAN SERVICES STUDY AWARDED TO VIRCHOW KRAUSE; **2)** RENOVATION OF MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AWARDED TO RAASCH & ASSOCIATES; **3)** RENOVATION DESIGN FOR MHC AWARDED TO EPSTEIN; **4)** BROWN COUNTY HEALTH PLAN AWARDED TO AURORA; **5)** REMODELING THE MHC PHARMACY TO RAASCH & ASSOCIATES; **6)** BROWN COUNTY ARENA ROOF; & **7)** EXTERNAL AUDITOR AWARDED TO CLIFTON & GUNDERSON. (HELD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING).
County Executive Assistant Jessica Stoller stated that the Director of Administration does plan on having this information for Supervisor Fewell, but she is waiting for the committee to approve the request.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

Supervisor Zima stated that this is a new protocol and he will not vote to have information provided to him. A discussion ensued and Chair Evans said he does not want to set precedence to approve a request for information. He added that he wants to have the Director of Administration at the next meeting with this information.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO PUT THIS ON THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA, WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Syble Hopp School

11. DISCUSSION OF SYBLE HOPP SCHOOL BUDGET.
Syble Hopp Administrator Barb Natelle was present to discuss the budget. She reported that they have two new positions. An employee was added to Food Service, which is funded through the Food Service account and there is no county levy involved. She also explained the addition of an instructional aide and said she will calculate the tax impact as soon as they receive the information from DPI.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO APPROVE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING COMPLEX FOR USE BY SYBLE HOPP SCHOOL.
Ms Natelle reported that the Weyers Foundation has offered to build a duplex on the school

property to be used to teach life skills to students. For the past 18 years, the school has rented an apartment for that purpose. Supervisor Fewell suggested that the committee send a thank you to the foundation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO APPROVE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
Ms Natelle reported on summer programs that have been taking place through partnering with St Norbert College. She said the school year will begin on August 30th and distributed yearbooks to members of the committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR LA VIOLETTE TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items #22 and 23 were discussed at this point.

Veterans Department

14. BUDGET STATUS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2006.
Veterans' Service Officer Jerry Polus explained the line "Temporary Replacement Help". He said it was not in his 2006 budget and explained the circumstances leading to this, as well budget transfers to cover the cost of this. Supervisor Fewell pointed out that if this is going to be over 90 days, Mr Polus should go through Human Resources.

15. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
Mr Polus reported that August 20th is Veterans' Day at the Brown County Fair and a ceremony to recognize them will begin at 12:30 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO APPROVE ITEMS 14 – 15. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Department

16. REQUEST FOR BUDGET TRANSFER: CATEGORY 4: INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER (INCLUDING CONTINGENCY OR GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS): TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM A "RESERVED HEALTH" FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT FROM RESTRICTED-USE GRANT CARRYOVER FUNDS TO PURCHASE OUTDATED OR NEEDED EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY COMPUTERS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL TO REFER BACK TO STAFF. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. BUDGET STATUS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2006.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.
Director Judy Friederichs reported that two birds have tested positive for West Nile virus, but no mosquitoes or people have tested positive. She added that they have tried to get the message out regarding protective strategies that people can use. She responded to questions from members of the committee and gave an update regarding citations on an odor situation in the Pulaski area. Supervisor Fewell asked Ms Friederichs if she could provide regular updates on this issue.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SCRAY TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Human Services Department

19. CONTRACT UPDATE (STANDING ITEM).
Contract Unit Coordinator Jill Rowland was present to go over the report and respond to questions from the committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SCRAY TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. BELLIN PSYCHIATRIC CENTER UPDATE.
Tom Eggebrecht stated that there is no information to report.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SCRAY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. MENTAL HEALTH CENTER STATISTICS & UPDATE.
Ms Pivonka went over the report with the committee. Supervisor Fewell asked if any community placements were readmitted to the Mental Health Center and Ms Pivonka said there were no ICF-MR clients readmitted, but there was one nursing home resident that was unsuccessful in the community and returned to Unit 8.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR FEWELL AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS CRISIS CAPACITY PLAN.
Community Services Director Tom Eggebrecht and Human Services Director Beth Manning came forward for discussion. Mr Eggebrecht pointed out a revision of a draft plan that was previously presented. A lengthy discussion ensued, which included the following points:

- Mr Eggebrecht explained the purpose of the Crisis/Respite Home is to provide stabilization for individuals with short-term issues. He explained how it would be staffed with a Crisis Coordinator and Nurse Prescriber and said it is a safety net for the ICFMR population. Ms Manning stated that the County Executive is fully supportive of this.
- There was some discussion on the possibility of leasing a facility that can be modified to do serve as a Crisis/Respite Home and the costs associated with that. It was also suggested to purchase our own facility.
- Supervisor Fewell pointed out that more clients would now be put out in the community, which would create a greater need for crisis care. Mr Eggebrecht said the clients in the CBRF already have funding attached to them.
- Supervisor Krueger mentioned the rising population in Brown County and stated that a five-year forecast is short-sighted. He also said he has not seen documentation that this is cost-effective.
- Committee members suggested a respite home right at the Mental Health Center and Mr Eggebrecht explained that, in order to get federal dollars, it cannot be on the grounds of an institution. Chair Evans requested to see that in writing.
- Supervisor La Violette asked if the County Executive has committed to putting $320,000 into the budget for this and Ms Manning said that ICFMR dollars would go toward it. Ms Manning pointed out that a timeline was included in the plan.
- Chair Evans stated that he would like to see a resolution adopted by the County Board in regard to this. He would like to see it in writing from the state that that we could not get funding if it is on the grounds of an institution. He would also like a written synopsis of state and federal funds that are available and said it is in the County's best interest to buy or build a Crisis/Respite Home.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO HAVE THIS BROUGHT BACK AS A COMMUNITY PROGRAMS CRISIS CAPACITY PLAN RESOLUTION, WITH THE FISCAL IMPACT SPELLED OUT, THE REQUESTED ITEMS FROM THE STATE IN WRITING AND PLANS TO BUY OR BUILD A CRISIS/RESPITE HOME. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE BROWN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH UNIT FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED. (HELD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING FOR NEW WORDING).

In reading the resolution, Supervisor Zima stated that there is an insinuation that there would be no cost to the taxpayers. Ms Manning stated that the intent of the state is to fully fund the service costs of relocated clients and distributed copies of an email to that effect (see attached). Supervisor Zima pointed out that the costs of the Community Programs Crisis Capacity Plan were not figured into the resolution and a discussion ensued. Chair Evans stated that he would like to see those costs added to this resolution.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR ZIMA AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO REFER TO STAFF FOR CORRECTIONS. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this point, the committee returned to item #6.

24. FISCAL FORECASTS (TO BE MAILED UNDER SEPARATE COVER).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SCRAY TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County (Budget Status Financial Report attached. No other agenda items)

Other

25. AUDIT OF BILLS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SCRAY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ZABEL TO PAY THE BILLS. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SCRAY AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VAN DEURZEN TO ADJOURN AT 9:10 P.M. Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Buzzell
Recording Secretary

HS Comm.

Manning_BA

From: Oleary_JM
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 7:36 PM
To: Eggebrecht_TD; Manning_BA
Subject: FW: ICFMR Initiative

Jean M O'Leary
Supervisor of Developmental Disabilities Unit
Brown County Human Services
448-6250

-----Original Message-----
From: Charles Wilhelm [mailto:wilheca@dhfs.state.wi.us]
Sent: Thu 7/13/2006 5:17 PM
To: Oleary_JM
Subject: Re: ICFMR Initiative

Based on the relocations to date and the projected relocations for the remainder of the biennium, we believe that we have sufficient funding to fully fund the care plans for all of the people relocated through this biennium. This, however, assumes that the waiver costs for those people who relocate will average about $220 per day. Do you have an estimate of what the waiver costs will be for these 8 people? Our ability to fully fund care plans past this biennium will depend on the amount of funding appropriated by the Legislature for this initiative. At this point, I have no reason to believe that they won't provide the funding that is necessary.

>>> "Oleary_JM" <Oleary_JM@co.brown.wi.us> 07/11/06 3:16 PM >>>
I have been asked to pose the following question.

Brown County Human Services has proposed to the Human Services Committee to consider closing Bayview ICFMR by 12.31.2006. Presently we have 7 Brown County clients and 1 out of county. What type of commitment can we get from the state regarding the availability of relocation funding for the placements and the intent to fund long term for these placements? When this issue was raised last week at the Human Services Committee one of the committee members states that he has been in contact with people at the state who told him that they have run out of money for relocations.

When we go back to present this again next month they want to some statement from state on the commitment to funding for these placements if they vote to close the ICFMR by the end of this year.

.Thanks

Jean M. O'Leary

Supervisor of the Developmental Disabilities Unit