

February 20, 2008

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE met in regular session on February 4, 2008, and recommends the following motions:

1. Review minutes of:
 - a) Children with Disabilities Education Board (1/9/08).
Receive & place on file.
2. Resolution re: Change in Table or Organization Department of Administration (Transfer Grant Development Specialist position from Human Services to the Department of Administration.) Referred to Administration Committee (February 5, 2008) & Executive Committee (February 11, 2008). Committee approved. Ayes: 3 (Evans, Zima, Scray); Nays: 1 (La Violette); Excused: 3 (Van Deurzen, Fewell, Zabel). Motion Carried. See Resolutions, Ordinances February County Board.
3. Communication from Supervisor Steve Fewell re: To evaluate the increase of suicides in Brown County and to develop a plan to address this issue with a suicide prevention program and awareness. (From previous meeting with Tom Eggebrecht report back with information related to a suicide prevention program and awareness.) Hold until next meeting.
4. Human Services Dept. - Resolution re: Pertaining to a Change in the Table of Organization for Brown County Human Services. (Referred to Executive Committee.) Committee Approved. See Resolutions, Ordinances February County Board.
5. Human Services Dept. - Grants:
 - a) Essential Services/Transitional Housing/Homeless Prevention Grant (ESG) – Grant Renewal Request.
 - b) Home Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) – Grant Renewal Request.
Approve.
6. Human Services Dept. - Approval of New Non-Continuous Vendor. Approve.
7. Human Services Dept. - Approval of New Contract Vendors. Approve.
8. Human Services Dept. - Monthly Contract Update. Approve.
9. Human Services Dept. - Budget Status Financial Report for Community Programs (not available). No action.

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10. Human Services Dept. - Budget Status Financial Report for Mental Health Center (not available). No action.
11. Human Services Dept. - Director's Report. Receive & place on file.
12. Audit of bills. Pay the bills.

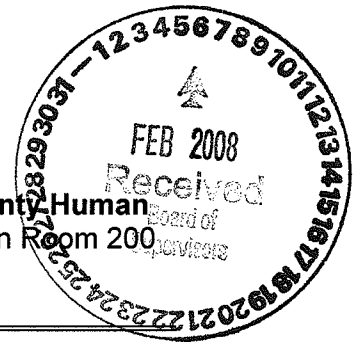
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE



Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Pat Evans, Guy Zima, Pat LaViolette, Mary Scray

Excused: Joe VanDeurzen, Chris Zabel, Steve Fewell

Also Present: Jayme Sellen, Mark Quam, Jill Rowland, News Media and Other Interested Parties

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Evans at 5:35 p.m.

2. **APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA:**

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette and seconded by Supervisor Scray to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **APPROVE/MODIFY MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF :**

a. **REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2007:**

b. **SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2007:**

Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Scray to receive and place on file items 3a and 3b. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **REVIEW MINUTES OF:**

a. **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION BOARD (1/9/08):**

Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor LaViolette to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC/SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW:

5. None

RESOLUTION:

6. **RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE IN TABLE OF ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (TRANSFER GRANT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST POSITION FROM HUMAN SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.) REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 5, 2008 & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 11, 2008.**

Human Services Director, Mark Quam, stated that when the position became vacant, there was a question whether it should be County wide as far as applicability. He stated he is for it as long as Human Services continues to get services from the position with the available grants. The salary would stay the same and there would be no fiscal impact.

Supervisor Zima and Supervisor Evans were in favor of moving this position to Administration Department, whereas Supervisor LaViolette would like to keep the position in the Human Services Department due to accessibility. If this position is moved, Supervisor Scray would like to continue re-evaluating the position if it is moved.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve. Vote taken. AYES; 3: (Evans, Zima, Scray). NAYS; 1: (LaViolette). EXCUSED; 3: (Van Deurzen, Zabel, Fewell). MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

7. COMMUNICATION FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE FEWELL RE: TO EVALUATE THE INCREASE OF SUICIDES IN BROWN COUNTY AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WITH A SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND AWARENESS. (FROM PREVIOUS MEETING WITH TOM EGGBRECHT TO REPORT BACK WITH INFORMATION RELATED TO A SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM AND AWARENESS.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Scray to hold until next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

HUMAN SERVICES DEPT.

8. RESOLUTION RE: PERTAINING TO A CHANGE IN THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR BROWN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES. (REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.)

Quam gave a brief history of the office and stated the dollar impact is \$1,100.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Scray to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. **GRANTS:**

- a) ESSENTIAL SERVICES/TRANSITIONAL HOUSING/HOMELESS PREVENTION GRANT (ESG) – GRANT RENEWAL REQUEST.
- b) HOME TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA) – GRANT RENEWAL REQUEST.

Evans informed the committee that Mayor Schmidt from the City of Green Bay had contacted him to meet in regards to housing and homeless issues in Green Bay and how they pertain to Brown County.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Zima to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. APPROVAL OF NEW NON-CONTINUOUS VENDOR.
11. APPROVAL OF NEW CONTRACT VENDORS.
12. MONTHLY CONTRACT UPDATE.

Contract & Provider Relations Unit Coordinator, Jill Rowland, stated 10 more contracts have been sent out since this report was submitted.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Scray to approve items 10, 11 and 12. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

13. BUDGET STATUS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (NOT AVAILABLE).

No action.

14. BUDGET STATUS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: (NOT AVAILABLE).

No action.

15. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Quam stated there has been a lot of talk at the State level about changing who is subject to Juvenile Delinquency Code. Two years ago, Wisconsin sent 17 year olds, who had offenses, into the adult system. Lately, there has been a lot of counter action asking if this was working, and there has been a push to put it back into the County system. Seventeen year olds aren't served well by the adult probation and parole system and they have a high re-offending rate. The other point of view was who is going to pay for all of this? It's hard to pin down the exact costs to ship down the work load into the County system. Legislative Audit Bureau came up with a range of \$50 to \$80 million dollars a year to move 17 year olds back into the County system. Wisconsin Counties Association agrees that 17 year olds should be in the Brown County system, but doesn't know if there is a way to pay for it.

Quam reported on the State contracts. The Management Group (TMG), go to all the counties in Wisconsin and monitor Community Options Programs. Last year, they came to Brown County and looked at how to determine room and board costs, elderly living arrangement and service cost. TMG representatives stated too much cost was being taken from the service side and not enough from the room and board side. Room and board is the responsibility of the client which is paid by Social Security or SSI benefits. Service costs are from State and Federal dollars. The State shifted part of the bill from State and Federal to the client except their funds are already being taken to pay room and board. Brown County informed the State and TMG that this is not going to work and as the

contracts came back, with the shifted room and board costs, so far there is \$600,000 tax levy dollars of new costs that the State is not going to pick up. Quam stated that he had talked with County Executive, Tom Hinz, about using services; he's working on getting the word out to the State level elected officials to help intervene. He is also in the process of getting a letter for the Secretary of the Department stating, "Please review the actions of your subordinates at the Contract Agency of TMG because Brown County does not have the money to do this and this is not Brown County's problem. It's the change and interpretation of the rules from the State agency and an agency they contract with." Quam will report back to the Committee in regards to this.

Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Scray to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Veterans' Dept. Budget Status Financial Report not available. No other agenda items.
Health Dept. Budget Status Financial Report for November 30, 2007. No other agenda items.

Aging & Disability Resource Center Revenue & Expense Report for December 31, 2007 attached. No other agenda items.

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No action.

OTHER:

16. **Audit of Bills:**

Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Scray to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Scray to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
County Board Secretary