

**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 Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Jesse Brunette, Pat Evans, Tom Lund, Pat LaViolette, Pat Moynihan
Excused: Steve Fewell, Julie Knier
Also Present: Tom Hinz, Jayme Sellen, Tom Eggebrecht, Kathy Deniel,
Sunny Archambault, Captain David Konrath, Sheriff's Dept

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Evans at 5:32 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Lund to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III **Approve//Modify Minutes of June 24, 2009:**

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Lund to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from Public/Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans:

Chairman Evans acknowledged the resignation of Tom Eggebrecht effective the end of July. Mr. Eggebrecht has accepted a position with Sheboygan County. Thanks were given to him by the committee for his service to the Human Services Department and to Brown County.

1. **Review Minutes of:**

- a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center Board (6/25/09)**
- b. **Aging & Disability Resource Center Program Committee (6/25/09)**
- c. **Human Services Board (6/18/09)**

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Lund to receive and place on file 2a, b, & c. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Update from Captain David Konrath, Professional Division of the Sheriff's Department:**

Because of issues brought up at the Executive Committee meeting regarding the move from the Mental Health Center to the Community Treatment Center, Captain David Konrath, Director of Professional Standards Division of the Brown County Sheriff's Department, explained that he was asked by County Executive

Hinz to address the needs involved with this move due to his experience as Jail Administrator at the time of the transfer to the new Brown County Jail.

Konrath explained that focus is on the logistics of the move and that he is acting as facilitator, presently meeting with division heads every two weeks to identify and address needs. The move will take place over four days beginning October 8th, Thursday/Friday - Administration and Outpatient, Saturday – Nursing Home patients, and Sunday - Hospital patients. Sworn Deputies from the Sheriff's Transport Team will be used to move patients.

Chairman Evans asked about security during the time the building is completed and the move occurs and Konrath stated that the county will take control of the building and provide security during this time. Evans stated he would submit a communication in this regard.

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

Communications:

3. **Communication from Supervisor VanderLeest re: Request for each Standing Committee to forward a list of priorities to the County Executive for preparation of the 2010 budget (referred from June Human Services Committee):**

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Aging & Disability Resource Center:

- 4 **Grant Application Review (#09-30) MIPPA:**

Sunny Archambault explained that through the Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), grant money was made available to each county for purposes of outreach and education for the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS) and Medicare Savings Program (MSP). These efforts will help connect low income Medicare recipients with benefits that will reduce their out of pocket medical costs and assist them in paying Medicare premiums. DHS has requested the ADRC of Brown County provide outreach to Kewaunee County residents and will be granted their portion of the grant for said activities. The total grant is for \$19,000, with Brown County receiving \$12,000, and Kewaunee County \$7,000 for the two year term.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Dept.

5. **Request for Budget Transfer (#09-39): Interdepartmental Transfer (including contingency or general fund transfers): On February 27, 2009, the County Board approved the transfer of Planning, Evaluation, and Quality Management Director position from the Human Services Table of Organization to Human Resources:**

This interdepartmental transfer has no fiscal impact and was approved by the County Board on 2/27/09.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Decision regarding Retention of Excess Nursing Home Beds:**

Tom Eggebrecht explained that the new CTC is designed to hold 63 nursing home beds. There are actually 80 beds in the inventory, meaning that under State rules bed tax is paid on all beds held under license. A chart was distributed (attached) showing that bed tax in June of 2009 was \$75 per bed per month. Effective July 2009, this tax increases to \$150 per bed per month, and in July of 2010 twill increase to \$170 per bed per month.

There are 17 beds under license that are not being used and which may never be used, or a total impact of \$2,550 in 2009 - \$30,000, which will increase to \$2,890 in 2010, or \$35,000 of impact. Eggebrecht further explained that if beds are held which are not being used, Medicaid reimbursement cannot be recovered for hospital days. Over a five year period, this could amount to approximately \$200,000, or \$400,000 over a ten year period. It is his understanding that the opportunity to buy beds in the future may be very difficult and perhaps non-existent.

When asked his opinion, Eggebrecht stated that if considering the new Family Care Program and the unknowns with nursing home delivery, and a large Medicaid population who will be served under Family Care, he would recommend giving up the 17 nursing home beds and discontinuing the tax.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Lund to eliminate 17 excess nursing home beds and associated tax. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- Chairman Evans announced that Supervisor Carol Andrews will replace former Supervisor Rich Langan on the Family Care Sub-Committee.

7. **RFP for Diversion Facility:**

Information related to an RFP for Diversion Facility was reviewed as included in packet material. Mr. Eggebrecht explained that the Department is seeking a vendor to provide residential crisis services for acute crisis program beds, crisis stabilization beds, and social detoxification beds, in addition to a need for a stabilization bed for consumers with behavioral issues. If approved, the RFP will go before the County Board in August.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Family Care Update:**

Eggebrecht reiterated that the State has given the region \$400,000 to be used to hire a Planning Director. Shawano County has been established as fiscal agent and is in charge of that hiring. Every County is required to have an ADRC in order to be certified to perform family care, although Eggebrecht expressed

concern that the State budget will allow for this expansion or development. Brown County does have an ADRC. Given that, program start may be put off until after July of 2011.

Gene O'Leary will be assigned as a delegate to the planning group.

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

9. Community Treatment Center Update:

The following updates were given:

- Kathy Deniel was introduced as the new Nursing Home Manager.
- Transfer of the MHC to the CTC is progressing as reported by Captain David Konrath.
- Dr. Mannem will be retiring the end of July, although is interested in returning after 30 days on a contract basis. He is working with HR in this regard.

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

10. Mental Health Center Statistics (June 2009):

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Bellin Psychiatric Monthly Report (June 2009):

A report from Linda Roethle states that the Psychiatric Center did not transfer any involuntary adolescents to other institutions, nor were any admissions refused in the month of June.

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

12. Approval for New Non-Continuous Vendor:

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor LaViolette to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Request for New Vendor Contract:

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor LaViolette to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Monthly Contract Update;

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Lund to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **Director's Report:**

Tom Eggebrecht reported that Diane Pivonka will return Monday, 7/27/09, as the Long Term Support Supervisor.

A draft budget was presented to the Human Services Board on 7/21/09. After factoring in State funding and levy reductions, revenue and expense adjustments, the result is approximately \$2.6 million in adjustments to Community Programs, and \$1.9 million for the Mental Health Center. The budget will go to the County Executive at the end of this week. All discretionary programs were maintained, which Eggebrecht pointed out rely on fund balance.

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Lund to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Dept. No agenda items

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Veterans Dept. No agenda items

Other:

16. **Audit of Bills:**

Bills were not present for review.

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

17. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:**

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel,
Recording Secretary

Brown County MHC/CTC Reserve Nursing Home Bed Tax and Hold Projection

	Jun-09	Jul-09	Jul-10
Bed Tax Per Month	75	150	170
17 Bed Total		2,550	2,890
Annualized Impact		30,600	34,680
Annualized Bed Hold Revenue (est.)	0	0	8,944*
5 Year Projection			214,040
10 Year Projection			432,160

* Bed Hold earned under MA at 80 per cent of daily rate for up to 15 days when facility is at or above 95 per cent occupancy; 2009 experience