

IRON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

June 16, 2009

Unapproved

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Vice Chair, Brian Tarro. Members present: Don Erspamer, Mitch Koski, Carol Matson, Brian Tarro, Jack Prospero and Karin Walowinski. Members excused: John Wiita. Also present: Dennis DeRosso, Chairman of County Board. Staff member present: Carolyn Kolson-Janov, Director.
2. Kolson acknowledged the meeting was properly called and posted.
3. Motion by Prospero, seconded by Matson to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor.
4. Motion by Matson, seconded by Koski to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.
5. Public Comment – None
6. Annual Report: Reviewed by Board with request to send report on to full County Board.
7. Family Care Update - Tarro reported that the transition of cases from the county system to NorthernBridges is on schedule. Douglas and Barron Counties were the first successful transitions, followed by Washburn, Polk and Burnett Counties. Ashland and Bayfield will roll out in July, followed by Iron, Price and Sawyer Counties in August. All the hub offices are open with the exception of Ashland.
8. ADRC Update – Kolson noted that the final draft plan for the consortium has been approved, and the county is on schedule for the opening of the Adult and Disabilities Resource Center in July. The final draft of our plan has been approved. It was noted that Norene Gilbertson has been chosen to serve as a Board member representing the developmental disabilities population for the 5 county consortium.
9. Financial Report
 - COP Variance Request 2008 – Approved by Long Term Support Committee. Total funding: \$24,107
 - Intensive In-Home MA Billing – Board reviewed problems with state billing system. There is an error in the state's software and the counties have not received any reimbursement from this program since June of 2008. The Board reviewed correspondence between the State and Director and will be updated at the next Board meeting.
 - Reviewed Out of Home Placement Costs – Children. Placement costs have been reduced from \$266,486 in 2007 to approximately \$85,800 in 2009. Revenues from the savings are used to support children and adults in the community, thus avoiding costly institutional placements.
 - Reviewed Collection Activities.
10. Motion by Tarro, seconded by Matson to move into closed session pursuant to the exemptions contained in Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) - to consider employment, promotion, compensation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Personnel and Budget Considerations). Roll call vote – all in favor.

11. Motion by Tarro, seconded by Matson to move back into open session, and if necessary take action on issues discussed in closed session. Roll call vote – all in favor.

Motion by Matson, seconded by Prospero to approve the reclassification of the following staff: Peck reclassified from a Grade II to a Grade IV; Clemens reclassified from a Grade II to a Grade III; Struck reclassified from a Grade I to a III. New adult services Social Worker position to be posted as a II. This information is to be forwarded to the County Finance Committee Roll call vote:

Tarro – Yes; Erspamer – Yes; Koski – Yes; Matson – Yes; Prospero – Yes: and Walowinski - Yes.

12. Director's Report: Badger Care Plus for Adults with No Children will begin accepting applications on June 15, 2009. A person who enrolls on June 15, 2009 will not be eligible for benefits until July 15, 2009. Applications are accepted on line, and the county is not responsible for any enrollment. It was noted that although there is central enrollment staff who process the applications through Madison or by phone, many people will still come to the County Department for assistance. In order to qualify, you must be a Wisconsin resident between the ages of 19 through 64, not have dependent children under the age of 19 living with them, have a family income at or below 200 % of poverty (\$1,805 for a single person and \$2,428 for a married couple), does not have health insurance or had access to private or employer subsidized health insurance during the previous 12 months and are not enrolled in or able to enroll in BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid or Medicare. The plan is limited in some areas of coverage, for example, it does not cover podiatric care, and dental coverage is limited to emergency care. But it does cover general medical care and generic medications.
13. New Business: None
14. Next Meeting: July 27, 2009 at 4:30
15. Motion to adjourn by Prospero, seconded by Koski. All in favor.