

IRON COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

May 5, 2010 - APPROVED

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Carolyn Kolson-Janov. Members present: Mullard, Koski, Matson, Prospero, Tarro, Wiita, Walowinski, and Roberts. Also present: Dennis DeRosso, County Board Chair
2. Kolson acknowledged the meeting was properly called and posted.
3. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Koski, seconded by Wiita. All in favor.
4. The meeting was turned over to DeRosso for election of officers. Prospero nominated Wiita for Chair. Wiita declined. Wiita nominated Roberts for Chair, supported by Tarro. Motion by Matson second by Mullard to close the nominations. Roll call vote – Roberts unanimously nominated for chair. Motion by Prospero, second by Koski to nominate Wiita for Vice Chair. Motion by Matson, second by Mullard to nominate Koski for Vice Chair. Motion by Prospero, second by Tarro to close the nominations. A ballot vote was conducted and Wiita received the majority of votes. Wiita named as Vice Chair of Human Services.

The meeting was turned over to the Chair – Roberts.
5. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by Prospero, seconded by Matson. All in favor.
6. Public Comment – Dorothy Walesewicz from the Iron County Food Pantry located in Montreal, Wisconsin presented information on their organization. Their office hours are almost 40 hours a week and they serve over 300 residents, including many consumers from the Mercer area. They are open some Saturdays and for emergencies. They receive food from Second Harvest and also have clothing. People provide a donation that they can afford and there are no charges. Walesewicz was requesting that more FEMA funds should be directed to her organization, including the funds now received by the Mercer Food Pantry. She was informed that DeRosso sits on this Board and Kolson chairs the FEMA Chapter, and the Human Services Board is not involved. There is a formal appeal process to follow and Kolson will send a copy to her. Kolson noted that Human Services is more than willing to give up the responsibilities for this program but no other organization is willing to assume the leadership for this Chapter.
7. The Board conducted an inspection of the space occupied by Human Services along with an explanation of which employees occupy office space. The Board also reviewed the organizational charts noting that other agencies occupy staff within the Human Services Building.
8. The Board reviewed the 2010 monthly summary of HSD Budget and it was noted that the department was within the budget line items.
9. A summary of collection activities was presented to the Board. \$123,346.90 has been assigned to the collection agency and within 3 years \$8,091.62 has been collected. It was noted that many of the individuals who are in collections have very limited money and many

are not employed. Although the collection agency has the right to “tax intercept” if people are not working, there is nothing to collect.

10. Motion by Prospero, seconded by Wiita to move into closed session pursuant to the exemptions contained in Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1), (c) to discuss moving Child Support into Human Services. Roll call vote – all in favor.
11. Motion by Prospero, seconded by Tarro to move into open session. Roll call vote – all in favor. Motion by Prospero, second by Wiita to table any action for further study. Motion carried.
12. Director's Report – None.
13. New Business – None.
14. The Board will be notified when the next meeting will be held.
15. Motion to adjourn by Prospero, seconded by Mullard. All in Favor.