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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: September 10, 2019

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kathy McCoy, Carol Pearson, Tom Duffy Sr., Tweed Shuman, James Schlender (arrived at 6:35 P.M.), Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, Lorraine Gouge

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Joe Bodo, Lauri Perlick, Alicia Carlson, Tom Hoff, Dave Bauer, Cindy Hanus

**Citizens present:**

Carol Lund

The meeting was called to order by Kathy McCoy at 6:30 P.M., noting for the record that Jennifer Vobornik and Dale Schleeter were absent.

**Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**Audience Recognition**

There was nothing to report under this item.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Carol Pearson, seconded by Tweed Shuman to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting as presented; motion carried.

**Reports**

**a. LCO Liaison**

Lorraine Gouge reported on the need for transitional housing for the increasing homeless population of tribal members. The LCO half-way house is currently not in use, and the Tribe is discussing its possible conversion to a men's facility. Ms. Gouge asked if HHS offers juvenile assessment services. Juveniles can be referred to the Information and Referral Center or, depending on the circumstances, to the Juvenile Justice unit.

**b. Senior Resource Center**

There was nothing to report under this item.

**Administration**

**a. Collection Policy**

After reviewing the proposed collection policy, Tom Hoff suggested appropriate HHS staff meet with Corporation Counsel to obtain clarification of several items contained therein. A motion was made by Tweed Shuman, seconded by Tom Duffy Sr. to table further discussion of the collection policy and revisit the issue at next month's meeting; motion carried.

### **Behavioral Health**

**a. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Update**

The current CCS Service Facilitator interviewed for, and accepted the position of Juvenile Justice Worker with HHS. The agency is actively advertising for two new CCS Service Facilitators that were approved at last month's County Board meeting. Per State officials, HHS can not suspend services until the new positions are filled. The current Service Facilitator will continue to serve existing clients until a new Service Facilitator is hired.

**b. Transitions Update**

Per Joe Bodo, AODA/MH Supervisor and Director of Transitions, consumers currently placed at Transitions are predominantly an aging population with a mental health diagnosis. In recent years, the purpose of the facility has shifted from its original mission of short-term, "transitional" housing to long-term assistance for many of those admitted. Kathy McCoy asked for data regarding needs that are not being met in order to propose new or changing programs, facilities or funding that may be necessary. Carol Lund from Northland Counseling, the contract provider for staffing at Transitions, relayed to the Board the ongoing challenge of hiring and retaining staff for such a facility in a rural area.

### **Long-Term Care**

**a. ADRC-N Governing Board Representative (Action Item)**

Kathy McCoy's term as representative on the ADRC-N governing board has expired. She asked if anyone else on the HHS Board had an interest in serving on the ADRC-N board. Carol Pearson will consider filling the vacancy.

### **Juvenile Justice**

**a. Oasis Update**

Juvenile Justice Supervisor Dave Bauer provided to the Board his year-to-date report of Oasis census and expenses.

### **Public Health**

**a. Acting Health Officer Designation Approval**

Due to the medical leave of Health Officer Eileen Simak, a motion was made by James Schlender, seconded by Tom Duffy Sr. to designate Jessica Bjork as acting Health Officer; motion carried.

### **Fiscal**

**a. 2020 Budget**

The Director reported the amount of additional funding for 2020 Child Protective Services is anticipated to be \$141,311.

**b. Budget Performance Report**

A copy of the budget performance report through July 2019 was provided to the Board. CCS revenue is lagging due to staffing deficits at consortium fiscal lead Taylor County.

**c. Purchased Services Recap**

A copy of the purchased services recap through July 2019 was provided to the Board.

**Any Items for Discussion Only**

- a. The Director shared with the Board information regarding a one-day Human Services Board Member Seminar that will be held on October 16, 2019.
- b. The Director informed the Board of the resignations of the part-time Adult Protective Services social worker and the ADRC clerical position. Per financial manager Patty Dujardin, a current member of the clerical staff will be filling the recently created CCS fiscal position. Plans are to fill one clerical opening at this time and evaluate the ADRC clerical position when other programs have filled staff vacancies.
- c. Child Protective Services supervisor Karla Kay nominated Dave Bauer for recognition by the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association (WJCIA) for outstanding work in the juvenile/youth justice field. He will receive his award at the WJCIA conference later this month.
- d. The November HHS Board meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

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