

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of Pierce County Board of Human Services and Long Term Support Committee

February 16, 2006

Emergency Operating Center Room of the Courthouse

- Call To Order The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
- Roll Call Members present were John Kucinski, Rich Purdy, Ruth Suplick, William Gilles, Paul Barkla, Scott Mulhern, Kathy Hass, Naomi Silver, Kathy Hogberg, Caralynn Hodgson and Kathy Shafer. Ogden Rogers was excused. Joyce Borgerding was also present.
- Staff present were Reggie Bicha, Donna Robole, Chuck Balzer, Janet Huebner, Cathy Martin, Heather Conway and Curt Kephart.
- Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grant.
- Minutes Motion by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Ms. Suplick, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006, meeting. Motion carried.
- Public Comments None
- Resolution
Commending Bernard Grant Chairman Gilles read to the Board the resolution commending Bernard Grant who has given a great deal of his time and efforts for the citizens of Pierce County and has served over 22 years on the Board of Human Services. Motion by Mr. Barkla, seconded by Dr. Purdy, to approve and forward to the County Board a resolution commending Bernard Grant. Motion carried.
- Presentation on West Central Wisconsin – Care Management Collaborative Director Reggie Bicha together with program manager Chuck Balzer narrated a 90-minute presentation on West Central Wisconsin – Care Management Collaborative (WCW-CMC).
- Action to participate in WCW-CMC Planning Motion by Mr. Barkla, seconded by Dr. Purdy, authorizing the Director to continue planning efforts on behalf of Pierce County in the West Central Wisconsin – Care Management Collaborative. Motion carried.
- Action to support Children’s First Program through Workforce Connections Motion by Dr. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Barkla, to permit the department to support and cooperate with the Children’s First Program administered by Workforce Connections, Inc. The agreement for the Director’s signature is to be reviewed by Corporation Counsel before it is issued. Motion carried.
- Meeting with Legislators The Board’s meeting with area legislators scheduled for Monday, February 27, was canceled and discussion occurred to advise rescheduling the meeting with legislators for a Thursday later in March. Motion by Dr. Purdy, seconded by Ms. Suplick, to schedule a meeting with area legislators for March 23, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Board Self Evaluation Motion by Mr. Barkla, seconded by Mr. Mulhern, to use the 2005 evaluation tool for the board's 2006 self-evaluation, with the process to begin immediately following the March 16 board meeting scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Financial Report Donna Robole presented the year-to-date financial report, and the Board received the report as presented. The Board has been apprised of the impending deficit for several months. Further discussion occurred regarding the forecasted deficit, noting the final state payments will arrive by June 2006 for the 2005 program.

Director's Report

- Director Bicha welcomed Joyce Borgerding, who was recently nominated to serve as a citizen representative on the Board of Human Services.
- Two social workers and a part-time psychiatric nurse have resigned their positions due to military relocation and new opportunities.
- Psychiatrist Renee Koronkowski will begin serving county clientele on March 8.
- The Department of Corrections has announced \$50,000 will be appropriated to Pierce County for drug court treatment.
- An off-site Board meeting and tour of the facility at PROACT will be coordinated for June.
- The recruitment process for a Community Behavioral Health Supervisor will be reopened and continued.
- The next Board of Human Services meeting is March 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment Mr. Barkla moved, Mr. Mulhern seconded the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Robole

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LONG TERM SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING
May 16, 2006

Call to order: Vice Chairperson Kathy Hogberg called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Members present included: Kathy Hass, Gary Cain, Caralynn Hodgson, Kathy Hogberg, Nora Reid, Kathy Shafer, and Jeff Holst. Long Term Support Supervisor Chuck Balzer was also present.

New Committee Member: Mr. Balzer announced that County Board Supervisor Bill Gilles has been appointed as a member to the Long Term Support Committee. Mr. Gilles will replace outgoing county board member, Scott Mulhern, as one of two county board supervisors appointed to the committee. Jeff Holst will continue as the other.

Review and Approval of March Minutes: The minutes from the March 28, 2006, Long Term Support Committee meeting were reviewed. Mr. Holst moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Hodgson seconded. Motion carried.

Thank You to Scott Mulhern: Mr. Balzer, on behalf of the entire committee, acknowledged and thanked Mr. Mulhern for his five and one-half years of service on the Long Term Support Committee as well as his six years of service as a member of the Human Services Board.

Financial Report: Mr. Balzer presented the Long Term Support Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2006. He indicated that the 2006 Community Aids allocation had been adjusted and that the new allocation amount needs to be confirmed. He discussed the fact that Community Aids funds are used for overmatch funds for the CIP I programs but are not used as such for other Long Term Support Programs. He indicated that the department has made progress towards reducing or eliminating deficit spending in the CIP II and Cop Waiver Programs, both of which serve elderly and physically disabled adults. He mentioned that the COP waver program is now in the black, therefore elderly or physically disabled adults at the top of the waiting list will be assessed for COP Waiver funded services.

Wait List Issues: Mr. Balzer initiated a discussion concerning the Long Term Support Waiting List. He indicated that a couple of families with children who have Long Term Support service needs moved out of the county while at the same time some new families were added. He estimated the total number on the waiting list to be 123, which he indicated has remained relatively stable over the past couple of months. Mr. Balzer went on to discuss the availability of 150 CIP II diversion slots being offered and funded by the state. These slots are being offered

statewide on a first come, first serve basis and are to be used to serve people who are at imminent risk of being admitted into a nursing home. The slots are awarded specifically for identified individuals and revert to the state's pool once that individual's services are discontinued. Ms. Shafer questioned the number of people on the waiting list who are currently residing in nursing homes. Ms. Hogberg indicated that some people move from the hospital directly to a nursing home because they require 24 hour per day care, for which community based funding has not been available. Mr. Balzer discussed the availability of nursing home relocation funds. More discussion ensued.

Community Support Program Update: Mr. Balzer announced that the Community Support Program is now officially a part of the agency's Community Behavioral Health Unit which is now supervised by Kim Thompson. He also mentioned that the agency is currently in the process of recruiting a new psychiatric nurse to work within the program.

Long Term Care Reform: Mr. Balzer provided committee members with a status update concerning the Long Term Care Reform effort. He indicated that members of the collaborative have continued to meet and plan. Mr. Holst questioned the ability to set definite time constraints, to which Mr. Balzer responded that doing so has been difficult, although the goal is to initiate consumer enrollment by November 2006. Mr. Balzer went on to discuss the fact that an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) needs to be developed before a Care Management Organization (CMO) can be up and running in Pierce County. He discussed efforts made up to this point and indicated that a focus group consisting of eighteen representatives will be meeting for the first time on May 30, 2006, to focus on the development of an ADRC to serve Pierce County. He went on to discuss ADRC funding. The state is making a minimum of \$100,000 available to each county, with the actual amount available being determined by the size of the county. Pierce County has been notified that \$112,000 will be available for ADRC development. The county match has been determined to be an additional \$36,000, although there is some indication that the state will also pay this. Much discussion ensued.

Nomination and Election of Committee Officers: Ms. Hogberg opened nominations for the Long Term Support Committee Chairperson. Mr. Holst moved to nominate Ms. Hogberg. Mr. Cain seconded. Motion carried by unanimous ballot.

Ms. Hogberg opened nominations for the Long Term Support Committee Vice Chairperson. Ms. Hass moved to nominate Mr. Holst. Ms. Hogberg seconded. Motion carried by unanimous ballot.

Ms. Hogberg opened nominations for the Long Term Support Committee secretary. Ms. Hodgson moved to nominate Mr. Cain. Ms. Hass seconded. Motion carried by unanimous ballot.

Future Meeting Dates: The next Long Term Support Committee meeting date was changed from July 11 to July 13, 2006. The meeting will be held at the River Falls Area Hospital beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Holst moved to adjourn. Ms. Hass seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Gary M. Cain, Recorder

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