

Waushara County Human Services Board Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2010

Present: Mr. Bill Downie, Mr. Dennis Wedde, Ms. Bernadette Krentz, Mr. Fred Gellerup, Ms. Marge Scholar, Ms. Linda Manske

Others Present: Mr. Glenn Johnson, Recorder of Minutes: Paul Theyel

- I. **Meeting called to order-** Bill called the board meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.
- II. **Approval of the Agenda-** Motion to approve by Dennis, second by Fred. Motion carried.
- III. **Minutes of last meeting-** Motion to approve April's minutes by Linda. Second by Marge. Motion carried.
- IV. **Orientation:** Dawn Anderson-Mueller presented a very informative report regarding the activities of our CSP(Community Support Program) and CCS(Comprehensive Community Services). The two programs serve a total of approximately 58 citizens. Both programs are designed to serve people with serious and persistent mental illness. This allows people with these conditions to remain living in the community and to fulfill their highest potential. The programs provide us with a financial benefit as well, due to significant revenue gained and also cost savings for hospitalizations and out-of-home placements. Several consumer success stories in achieving economic independence were shared.
- V. **Reports:**
 - A. Board Members – None.
 - B. Advisory Committees –
 - Behavioral Health Advisory reviewed a presentation entitled, “Good Drugs gone Bad”, related to abuse of prescription medication. They also discussed emerging trends in standards of care.
 - Partners reviewed the A+ program summary. Walter Thompson, program coordinator, is retiring.
 - Vision 20:20 reviewed the various formulas for identifying poverty in Wisconsin.
 - C. Correspondence-
 - Our own Rose Siwula is being recognized at a statewide banquet for her top quality service provision in Economic Support.
 - D. Union : No report.

E. Director:

- Bill attended the recent WCHSA conference. The conference was very well done, with excellent break out presentations. Secretaries Timberlake and Becha responded to questions from the attendees.
- AODA Coordinator Sue Shemanski used dogged persistence to recoup funds from an insurer that they had been resisting paying, despite many attempts. This resulted in a savings to the county in excess of \$8,000.
- Bill, Dennis and Fred will be representing Human Services at the Spring CAP Awards banquet.

VI. **Old Business:**

A. This year's Foster Parent Appreciation Luncheon will be held today. We have an excellent group of foster parents who are doing great work with the children placed at these homes.

B. One of our Juvenile Justice workers posted into the Crisis Position.

C. The visit by Wisconsin Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson and her staff for their review of our Children and Family Court processes was an excellent experience. Justice Abrahamson and her staff were very impressed with the quality of services done by the Court system, Corporation Counsel, District Attorney and Human Services staff. A presentation of the final report will be offered to the County Board meeting in the future.

VII. **New Business:**

A. Glenn discussed a concern regarding the county clerk's response to a request to alter the agenda for the county board meeting. Glenn's concerns were expressed to the clerk and we will be watching as to how this fares in the future.

B. One of our youth from the Mentoring program received a state-wide award for their accomplishments at the recent WCHSA banquet. This award was certainly well deserved for the steps this young woman has taken to improve her life.

C. Cindy Jarvis has been hired for the Administrative Support position at the North Annex. She was selected from among approximately 100 applicants.

VIII. **Financial Reports:**

A. Motion by Bernadette to approve write-offs in the amount of \$12,869.04. Second by Linda. Motion carried.

B. The Financial Auditors were here all last week. The audit went very well!

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Dennis. Second by Linda. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M. All board members remained present throughout.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING AT THE NORTH ANNEX:

9:30 A.M. on TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010

