

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julee Albers, David Bauer, John Beinborn, Judy Friar, Mel Masters, Mark Stead (Chair), Charles Stenner (Vice Chair), Mike Tiber, Mary Ellen Tredinnick (Sec.) and Ryan Walmer.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dwight Nelson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Neal Blackburn, Jan Sudmeier, Cheryl Knapp, Nancy Schmitz and Gayle Mason.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:00 p.m.; quorum present.
2. COMPLIANCE and MINUTES: John Beinborn moved to report meeting in compliance with open meetings law, approval of the agenda and approval of the minutes of November 16, 2011, Board meeting. Motion seconded by David Bauer and passed.
3. BILLS: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved approval for payment of the bills for November and December, 2011 and January, 2012 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Mike Tiber and passed.
4. REPORTS: Financial reports for November and December, 2011 given by Jan Sudmeier. One Family Support purchase was presented. Personnel report for November and December, 2011 and January 2012 given by Cheryl Knapp. Executive Committee Report given by Mark Stead. Met this evening and reviewed changes to forms and policies, as well as audits and surveys for 2011. Chairman's report: None. Neal Blackburn presented the Director's report as follows:
 1. Memo distributed from Neal regarding a short medical leave.
 2. Iowa County Department of Social Services named a new Director, Tom Slaney, effective tomorrow.
 3. Tom Schroeder from ARC of Southwest Wisconsin made a donation to be given to two families enrolled in the Family Support Program for Christmas; \$100 to an Iowa County family and \$100 to a Grant County family.
 4. Neal thanked Board members for their expressions of sympathy.
 5. AFSCME union has decertified, and those employees are now non-represented.
 6. Legislature is implementing changes to balance the Medicaid budget in a manner that will be less detrimental to people with disabilities.
 7. Hired speech therapist, Betsy Williams, to start March 1, 2012.
 8. Grant County will be conducting a feasibility study to establish a Department of Health and Human Services. The Grant County Board will discuss next week.
 9. Legislature introduced a budget with \$123 million in cuts. One reduction was directed at juvenile offenders.

Mel Masters moved to accept reports and place on file. Motion seconded by Julee Albers and passed.

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Mike Tiber asked about the 51/55 topic on the WCHSA agenda regarding individuals with dementia. Neal explained that a Court of Appeals ruled that an individual with dementia may not be detained and treated under a Chapter 51 emergency detention because dementia is not a mental condition under Chapter 51. This ruling limits access to inpatient psychiatric treatment to address aggressive behavior for these individuals. Unified Community Services will only authorize an emergency detention for an individual with dementia if he or she is unsafe in the community. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has agreed to rule on this issue.

5. HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES: Mark Stead informed the Board that Grant County is looking at remodeling, adding on to, or constructing a new human services building. Mark said that creating a Department of Health and Human Services was discussed by the Grant County Social Services Board and he felt the Unified Board needed to do the same. Social Services Board voted to move forward with information gathering and develop a task force. This would then need to be submitted to the State for approval. Mark asked any board members who would like to be on the task force to contact him.

Neal has informed staff about the discussion and possibility of a human services building and the creation of a Department of Health and Human Services. There are only a few counties in Wisconsin that do not have a Department of Human Services. There is also a possibility that the State may regionalize services.

6. INTRODUCTIONS: Gayle Mason from the Grant County ADRC gave input about creating a Department of Health and Human Services. Each department serves special populations and they are all different, there is a need for separate staff.
7. CLOSED SESSION: John Beinborn moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider matters related to employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Motion seconded by Judy Friar. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows: Julee Albers: yes; David Bauer: yes; John Beinborn: yes; Judy Friar: yes; Mel Masters: yes; Mark Stead: yes; Charles Stenner: yes; Mike Tiber: yes; Mary Ellen Tredinnick: yes, and Ryan Walmer: yes. Motion passed.
8. CONVENE TO OPEN: 8:14 p.m.
9. DIRECTOR EVALUATION: Mel Masters moved that the director has a successful completion of evaluation. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen Tredinnick and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT: John Beinborn moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Ryan Walmer and passed. Next meeting will be March 21, 2012.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder

Mary Ellen Tredinnick, Secretary