

BOARD MINUTES  
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, WI 53813

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julee Albers, Dave Bauer, Judy Friar, Robert Keeney, Mel Masters, Dwight Nelson, Mark Stead, Charles Stenner (Chair.), Mike Tiber, Mary Ellen Tredinnick and Ryan Walmer.

OTHERS PRESENT: Neal Blackburn, Kathy Rink, Cheryl Knapp and Nancy Schmitz.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:00 p.m.; quorum present.
2. COMPLIANCE and MINUTES: Mark Stead moved to report meeting in compliance with open meetings law, approval of agenda and approval of the minutes of December 18, 2013 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Dwight Nelson and passed.
3. BILLS: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved approval for payment of the bills for December, 2013 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Julee Albers and passed.
4. REPORTS: Financial report for December, 2013 given by Kathy Rink.  
Family Support Capital Acquisition purchase was presented by Kathy Rink. Personnel report for December, 2013 given by Cheryl Knapp. Chairman's report: None. Neal Blackburn presented the Director's report as follows:
  1. Governor in a hurry to get laws passed before Assembly session closes.
  2. Heroin epidemic – 9 year old sent to Mendota and tested positive.
  3. Governor likely to sign four Bills, one involves allowing EMT and police to carry “Narcan” to reverse effects of Heroin.
  4. Good Samaritan Bill, if someone calls “911” allows caller to have some immunity from prosecution.
  5. Drug Disposal Program.
  6. Medications containing Opiates, Percocet, Vicodin will require a picture ID or known person to pick up medication.
  7. Seven mental health Assembly Bills likely to be signed: Grants for Telemedicine for psychiatric use, Tax deduction grants for psychiatrists in underserved areas, money for people to find jobs, alternatives for drug court, monies to train law enforcement to respond to people in crisis, money to help create Mobile Crisis team and task force, but not efficient for large geographic areas.
  8. Article distributed on Heroin epidemic leading to crimes, overdosing and deaths.
  9. Article distributed on “County Targets growing heroin use”.
  10. Flyer distributed: Training at Southwest Tech on 2/6/14 through Sheriff's Department and Grant County Task Force.
  11. Unemployment compensation- 24,000 lost compensation. Grant County 4.8% unemployment rate, Iowa County has a 5.1% unemployment rate. Possible correlation to mental health crisis.
  12. Medicaid expansion: People are without insurance and there are increased visits to the emergency room.
  13. Affordable Care Act: Wisconsin had a higher proportion of older people enrolled. Insurance companies need a younger population to offset those over 55, which is only 19%.
  14. Wisconsin Dementia Care redesign: Laws related to dementia and emergency detentions. Supreme Court ruled they are not to go to Institutes and the counties must provide a dementia care unit. Regulations in nursing homes are restrictive, changes are coming. Currently, Social Services handles the dementia population.

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15. Scheduled Executive Committee meeting 1/2 hour before Board meeting in February. 2/19/14 at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Stead moved to accept reports and place on file. Motion seconded by Dave Bauer and passed.

5. INTRODUCTIONS: None.
6. CAPITAL ACQUISITION REQUEST: Proposal made to test and update routers from Strang Assoc. Have been having phone problems for a few months then started having problems with the T1 line linking the offices. Exhausted opportunities with the phone companies. Strang and Applied Micro will get together. Priority to voice over data and quality of service routers. Cost for testing approximately \$1200 -\$1500 with installation approximately \$5500-\$6000. Mary Ellen moved approval of proposal made by Strang and Applied. Motion seconded by Julee Albers and passed.
7. STAFFING: Advertised for Birth to 3/CLTS program case manager. Had a couple of interviews, but person found another job. Other options were discussed with supervisor and we might be better off hiring a physical therapist to save money. Proposed to hire to part-time physical therapist as an employee to fit into our program model. Chairman, Charles Stenner called for a unanimous consent to move forward on looking for a part-time physical therapist. There were no objections to hiring a physical therapist.
8. CLOSED SESSION: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, to consider matters related to employment, promotion, and compensation of employees. Motion seconded by Judy Friar. A roll call vote was taken with results as follows: Julee Albers: yes; Dave Bauer: yes; Judy Friar: yes; Robert Keeney: yes; Mel Masters: yes; Dwight Nelson: yes; Mark Stead: yes; Charles Stenner: yes; Mike Tiber: yes; Mary Ellen Tredinnick: yes; and Ryan Walmer: yes. Motion passed.
9. CONVENE TO OPEN: Meeting reconvened in open session. 7:47 p.m.
10. ADJOURNMENT: Mark Stead moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Dave Bauer and passed.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder  
Judy Friar, Secretary