

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, March 18, 2015
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, WI 53813

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julee Albers, Judy Friar, Lester Jantzen, Judy Lindholm, Dwight Nelson, Mark Stead, Charles Stenner, Mike Tiber (Chair.), and Mary Ellen Tredinnick.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nancy Howard

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Rink, Zack Armstrong, 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 the meeting in compliance with the open meetings law, approval of agenda, and approval of the minutes of February 18, 2015 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Lester Jantzen and passed.
3. BILLS: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved approval for payment of the bills for February, 2015 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Julee Albers and passed.
4. REPORTS: Financial report for Year-end 2014, January and February, 2015 given by Zack Armstrong. Personnel report for February, 2015 given by Cheryl Knapp. Chairman's report: None. Kathy Rink presented the Director's report as follows:
 1. Unified Community Services' Annual Report was distributed. Summary of programs, accomplishments, clients served and number of crisis calls has increased.
 2. New Mental Health Supervisor, Patti Heer starts on March 23, 2015. New Emergency Services Coordinator, Amber Johnson began on March 2, 2015.
 3. Dr. Knuppel will be working an extra day per week and is the Clinical Director for our Emergency Services and Community Support Program.
 4. Family Care payment and Family Care redesign mentioned in the Governor's budget. New system would have to be State-wide and become an HMO. Possibly be run like an insurance plan and oversight would move from the Department of Health Services to the Commissioner of Insurance. The IRIS (self-directed supports) program would also be eliminated. Another part of the budget involves the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, possible consolidation of mental health and substance abuse programs for savings measures.
 5. Kathy and Holly Knapp met with the Grant County Corporation Counsel, the Public Defender's office, Grant County Sheriff's office and Winnebago Mental Health via phone conference to discuss streamlining the emergency detention and probable cause process.
 6. Kathy and Zack are negotiating with Mayo-Franciscan Skemp as another facility for emergency detentions.
 7. State surveyor will be meeting with Unified again regarding January death investigation.
 8. Kathy and Zack attending bi-weekly phone calls on electronic health records (EHR) implementation.
 9. Scheduled Executive Committee meeting for April 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Stead brought in an article from the Telegraph Herald for a Board member recognition of Julee Albers. Julee was the 2015 recipient for Early Childhood "Child At Heart" Award.

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Mark Stead moved to accept reports and place on file. Motion seconded by Dwight Nelson and passed.

5. INTRODUCTIONS: Robert Keeney, County Board Chairman announced that Wisconsin Counties Association is hosting a Human Service Day at the Capitol on April 8, 2015. Meeting scheduled with Howard Marklein at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.
6. ADJOURNMENT: Mark Stead moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Lester Jantzen and passed. Next meeting, April 15, 2015.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder

Julee Albers, Secretary