

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Coppernoll, Judy Friar, Amy Kite, Judy Lindholm, Gary Ranum, Mark Stead (Chair), Charles Stenner, Kelby Thomas, and Mary Ellen Tredinnick.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nancy Howard and Mike Tiber.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Rink, Cheryl Knapp, Zack Armstrong, and Nancy Schmitz.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:00 p.m.; quorum present.
2. OPEN MEETINGS LAW CERTIFICATION: A notice was published in the Herald Independent, stating the date, time and place of the Unified Community Services Board meeting. Notice was also posted at the county courthouses and two other public locations and on Grant and Iowa Counties websites. Verified by Nancy Schmitz.
3. CONSENT CALENDAR: Charles Stenner moved to approve the agenda and to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Judy Lindholm and passed unanimously.
4. BILLS: Gary Ranum moved approval for payment of the bills for September, 2016 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Judy Lindholm and passed unanimously.
5. REPORTS:
 - a) Financial report for September, 2016 given by Zack Armstrong.
 - b) Personnel report for September, 2016 given by Cheryl Knapp.
 - c) Chairman's report – Grant County continues to look at options for a new jail/sheriff's office/Social Services/ADRC complex and at possible individual locations. The County Board Executive Committee will meet next week to discuss.
 - d) Kathy Rink presented the Director's report as follows:
 - i. The Mental Health Supervisor and 3 psychotherapists will be attending the Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training for 3 days next week. They will also attend the training for 2 more days in December.
 - ii. The AODA Prevention program is presenting at area schools.
 - iii. The two AODA positions that are part of the SAMHSA grant were advertised. We have received several resumes and are optimistic.
 - iv. A proposal for a LEAN project has been submitted to Grant County. The proposal, "Stepping Up," is a program to reduce mental illness in the jail.
 - v. We hired a new case manager for the Children's Programs. Ashley Withrow will start on November 4th.
 - vi. The Personnel Committee will need to meet at 6:45 before the next Board meeting to exchange initial proposals with the Teamsters Union Local No. 659.

Ron Coppernoll shared that the DOC have a new Earned Release Program in Prairie du Chien prison. The inmates participate in an AODA treatment program with counselors. If they complete the program, they can be released immediately. Some will be on parole, wear a bracelet, or have a blow device in their car. They are taught that a bracelet is a positive thing for them. It will prove where they are and when.

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Ron Coppernoll moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
7. AGREEMENT FOR 2016 AUDIT: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to accept the engagement letter for the 2016 audit from Johnson Block for \$9,800.00. The audit was higher for 2015 due to the extra footnotes required by GASB. Motion seconded by Judy Lindholm and passed unanimously.
8. ADJOURNMENT: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously. Next meeting date is November 16, 2016.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder