

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Coppernoll, Judy Friar, Nancy Howard, Gary Ranum, Mark Stead (Chair), Charles Stenner, Mike Tiber and Mary Ellen Tredinnick.

MEMBER ABSENT: Kelby Thomas.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Amy Kite and Judy Lindholm.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Lockhart, Cheryl Knapp and Nancy Schmitz.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:01 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, two other public locations, and on the Grant and Iowa County websites. Verified by Nancy Schmitz.
3. CONSENT CALENDAR: Mike Tiber moved to approve the agenda and the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Board meeting. Motion seconded by Charles Stenner and passed unanimously.
4. BILLS: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to approve payment of the bills for February, 2017 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Gary Ranum and passed unanimously.
5. REPORTS:
 - a) Financial reports for Year-end 2016, January and February, 2017 given by Jeff Lockhart.
 - b) Personnel report for February, 2017 given by Cheryl Knapp.
 - c) Chairman's report – None.
 - d) Jeff Lockhart presented the Director's report as follows:
 - i. Jeff Lockhart distributed 2016/2017 comparison of hospital admissions to Mendota and Winnebago Mental Health Institutes in January and February. The number of days at the State institutes are down for February from 75 to 31.
 - ii. CSP supervision and outpatient clinical collaboration via videoconferencing with our Medical Director, Dr. Robert Vickrey, is going well and our needs are being met with a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner on-site.
 - iii. Dr. Jeff Marcus is willing to continue reviewing and testifying for recommitment recommendations.
 - iv. We have hired a psychiatric APNP who is completing her doctorate in June. She will be starting with Unified Community Services in August and comes with a decade of experience.
 - v. Interviews are scheduled for the Substance Abuse Counselor positions. Mike Fernette is retiring in May and Megan Wolf has resigned effective 4/1/17.
 - vi. Southwest Journal article distributed about Richland County Human Services running over budget and departments were asked to not spend 15% of their budget. The county is also facing potential budget cuts in 2018.

Charles Stenner moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Motion seconded by Mike Tiber and passed unanimously.

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6. INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
7. GRANT COUNTY STEPPING UP INITIATIVE RESOLUTION: Gary Ranum gave a summary of the Stepping Up Initiative. Started as part of the LEAN process improvement project and by signing the resolution it allows counties take advantage of federal funds and expertise from other counties, helps find alternatives to going to jail, opportunities for grants and alternatives for the mentally ill. The team will draw expertise from others involved with mental health services and map out everything that happens with this population. Ron Coppernoll moved to approve and sign the Stepping Up Initiative Resolution. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.
8. ADJOURNMENT: Charles Stenner moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Mike Tiber and passed unanimously. Next meeting date is April 19, 2017.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder