

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Beals, Judy Friar, Amy Kite, Gary Ranum, Patrick Schroeder, Charles Stenner, Mike Tiber (Chair.) and Mary Ellen Tredinnick.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Nancy Howard, Mel Masters and Justin O'Brien.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Lockhart, Zack Armstrong, Cheryl Knapp, Robert Keeney 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 in four public locations, on Grant and Iowa Counties websites and sent to local radio stations. Verified by Nancy Schmitz.
3. AGENDA: Gary Ranum moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.
4. MINUTES: Carol Beals moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen Tredinnick and passed unanimously.
5. INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: Robert Keeney.
6. BILLS: Gary Ranum moved approval for payment of the bills for August/September, 2019 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Patrick Schroeder and passed unanimously.
7. ELECTION FOR SECRETARY: Mike Tiber called for nominations for Secretary. Gary Ranum nominated Patrick Schroeder. There were no further nominations. Charles Stenner moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Patrick Schroeder as Secretary. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen Tredinnick. Motion passed unanimously.
8. REPORTS:
 - a) Financial report for August, 2019 given by Zack Armstrong.
 - b) Children's Community Options Requests reviewed by Zack Armstrong.
 - c) Personnel report for August, 2019 given by Cheryl Knapp.
 - d) Chairman's report – none.
 - e) Personnel Committee Report – Mike Tiber. The Personnel Committee recommended a 2.0% salary increase. The committee also recommended implementation of three new positions for the Comprehensive Community Services program.
 - f) Finance Committee Report – Mike Tiber. The Finance Committee recommended that the 2020 budget be approved with increased funding from Grant and Iowa Counties, increase in budget for State Institute expenses, addition of Iowa County OWI Treatment Court and a part-time position to provide mobile crisis services weekends/holidays to replace a service currently obtained by contract.
 - g) Jeff Lockhart presented the Agency Director's report as follows:
 - i. Unified's unassigned fund balance is at 21%
 - ii. Receiving a multitude of referrals for AODA treatment for Opioid use.
 - iii. Interviewing Wednesday for the vacant AODA position.

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- iv. Four staff have completed the Dialectical Behavior therapy (DBT) training.
- v. Unified received the approval from DHS for the first step of Comprehensive Community Services' program. Still on track to start up the first of 2020.
- vi. Emergency Detentions are forecast to be at peak admissions in October.
- vii. 1999-2016 Suicide rates rose by 41%, 20% amount ages 25-64. Rates were 25% higher in rural counties. The factors that appear to be driving rates up include poverty, low income and underemployment, lack of health insurance, and social fragmentation. Article cited was from nbcnews.com dated 9/6/19.
- viii. There has been a decrease of 1.3% in Wisconsin deaths by Opioid abuse from 2016-2018.
- ix. Senate Bill 392 relates to regional crisis stabilization facilities for adults and DHS to award grants for these facilities.
- x. Preliminary Bill to amend statutes relating to transporting individuals for emergency detention, expressly providing that a county may contract with another provider.

Carol Beals invited members to attend the SWCAP Gala on Suicide Awareness Prevention at the Deer Valley Lodge on October 24, 2019. Sober housing for ladies operating in Dodgeville and in the process of establishing sober housing for men.

Charles Stenner moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen Tredinnick and passed unanimously.

9. 2020 BUDGET: Zack Armstrong reviewed budget changes from the Finance Committee meeting to include addition of CCS staff positions, county contributions for increase in institute costs for the past 4 years. Patrick Schroeder moved to adopt budget as reviewed and present to the full County Board. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen Tredinnick and passed unanimously.
10. STAFFING: Discussion about contract with Northwest Connections and hiring a part-time, 20 hours per week, worker to cover weekends and holidays to replace service provided in the contract. Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to approve hiring for a part-time position. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.
11. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL MEDICAID EXPANSION: Patrick Schroeder moved in opposition of the Resolution to support Medicaid Expansion and present to the County Board of Supervisors. Discussion revolved around complicated issues and actual benefits. Motion died for lack of a second.
12. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAID FUNDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL COSTS: Will review proposal and bring to next meeting. No action.
13. NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
14. ADJOURNMENT: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Amy Kite and passed unanimously.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder