

Rock County Developmental Disabilities Board
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Marilynn Jensen; Vice Chairperson Cheryl Drozdowicz; Jennifer Bishop; Harriet Kubiak; Lynda Olson; Louis Peer; Bridget Rolek; Nancy Lannert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF PRESENT:

LuAnn Kane-Director; John Hanewall-Deputy Director

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Richard Kubiak; Kelly Medenwaldt, Area Director -Catholic Charities, Inc.; Tara Johnson, Respite Care Services

CITIZENS' SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD:

Tara Johnson shared information regarding the 4th Annual Respite Care Conference (see handout). Ms. Rolek inquired as to how Respite Care was doing in terms of numbers. Ms. Johnson stated that the Services started with 11 and are now at 23. They have been recruiting at the college campuses and have been very successful. Families have continued "bartering" with families for services. Respite Care has been using the 2020 E. Milwaukee St. building for their monthly "Family Respite Night". LuAnn Kane stated that the DD Board would be financially supporting the conference. A discussion was briefly held regarding some miscommunication regarding IDS, decreasing respite services, sliding scales for payment, and services. Ms. Rolek stated she would contact Ms. Lisa Ames at IDS to clarify this information and forward it to Ms. Kane and the DD Board for review.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved on a motion by Cheryl Drozdowicz, seconded by Linda Olson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 26, 2009 Board Meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Louis Peer and seconded by Harriet Kubiak. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Nancy Lannert, seconded by Bridget Rolek. August 2009 bills in the amount of \$114,727.73 were approved. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS, ADDENDUMS,
ENCUMBRANCES AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

There were no Contracts, Addendums, and/or Line Item Transfers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

The Director provided the following information:

Ms. Kane reported that the department is in process of waiting to hear from the County Administrator's Office to review the 2010 Budget Proposal. The budget was submitted to the Courthouse on August 5, 2009. Ms. Kane indicated that the department anticipates being called in sometime next week (Sept 14th-18th).

In conjunction with the Budget, Ms. Kane explained that the department was continuing the process of reviewing the Voucher Services Requests in attempts to evaluate and implement any cost saving measures. This process has been ongoing since the end of May and has been very successful in revising the process and enlisting the cooperation and understanding of consumers and guardians. Ms. Kane did explain that one grievance is currently pending regarding the reduction of services. Along with the Voucher Services, the possibility of some Residential Re-locations, as a cost savings measure was discussed

Ms. Kane shared information from the State regarding several new requirements. These included:

- 1) Review of the Purchase of Service Contract Policy
- 2) Waiting lists
- 3) Completion of the Long Term Care Functional Screens
- 4) Memo of today (09/09/09) regarding possible Residential Re-locations of individuals currently being served at Southern Wisconsin Center.

Information regarding the new CLTS Allocation of New Waiver Funds was shared by Ms. Kane, resulting in several questions regarding, where the children would specifically come from, what formula would be used to determine the mix (SED, PD, DD) of children to be served and the amount to be allocated to each child.

Ms. Kane reported that John Hanewall, Deputy Director and Jennifer Anselmi, Contract Compliance Specialist, will be attending the State Conference on ADRCs in Steven's Point, WI. on Sept 21st & 22nd. Ms. Jensen asked if a report of this Conference could be put on the Sept 23rd agenda.

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BOARD MEMBERS' SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Board expressed concern regarding the Administrative Cost increase of 124% and urged Ms. Kane and Mr. Hanewall to question this further during the 2010 Budget review with the County Administrator.

Ms. Drozdowicz commented that she attended the Together We Serve musical event on August 29th and how well it was done and the wonderful interaction between the performer and some of the audience members.

Ms. Rolek commented that she would like raffle tickets available for the Together We Serve fish fry scheduled for October 2, 2009 for those individuals that might not be able to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mary Brown sent a Thank You card for the Respite getaway she and her husband received through the Family Respite Program.

A "Thank You" from County Board member, Sandra Kraft was passed around, thanking others for the support following the loss of her husband.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next DD Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Health Care Center in the Conference Room.

Board Members were reminded to contact Connie Martin at 757-5051 or L. Kane at 757-5048 if they are unable to attend this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Louis Peer, seconded by Bridget Rolek & Linda Olson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hanewall, Deputy Director

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