

Port Washington, Wisconsin
January 20, 2009

The Health & Human Services Board/Committee met in Room A-200 of the Administration Center.

Present: Supervisors Klemz, Bock, Hertz, Walerstein, Callen and Board Member Wirth. Staff: County Administrator Meaux, Public Health Director Madlom, Human Services Director Haupt, Mental Health ADOA Coordinator Kojis, Behavioral Health Manager Lappen and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Others Present: Supervisor Stumpf

Absent: Board Members Lueders-Bolwerk, Perez and Bepalec

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Klemz at 3:00pm. Assurance that the meeting was properly noticed, so noted by Ms. Winkelhorst. The agenda was adopted as presented.

Public Comments/Correspondence/Communications: Ms. Madlom received correspondence in appreciation for services provided through the county Public Health Department.

Mr. Haupt expressed concern as there were 13 child placements in residential facilities. He has budgeted \$620,000 for residential care and already in January \$100,000 has been spent.

Supervisor Hertz made note of the significance of today's inauguration of the first African American President.

Supervisor Hertz met with Senator Darling, Representatives Ott and Gottlieb to discuss the funding by counties for patients at Winnebago. Discussion included lack of money at the state level, process to facilitate placement and shared revenues. Supervisor Hertz would characterize the meeting as terribly sympathetic but short of money to do anything further.

Board Member Wirth spoke on her experience with developmentally disabled children. Discussion on availability of group homes, importance of having homes and the difficulty of communities accepting group homes. Supervisor Bock questioned whether there is some way to garner public support through education. Further discussion.

Approve Minutes from the December 16, 2008 Meeting: Motion made by Supervisor Hertz, seconded by Supervisor Walerstein, to approve the minutes from the December 16 meeting as mailed. Board Member Wirth noted a minor correction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (6-0)

Human Services:

Action Items:

Approve Revised Rates for Service and Billing Policies: Mr. Haupt explained that after reviewing other counties in the region it was determined that the rates should be raised to at least average of the others in the area and not the lowest. This is an effort to enhance the ability to collect additional revenue from a higher percentage of a higher rate when insurance companies do pay.

Mr. Lappen explained that the biggest difference is that historically they have gone with a sliding fee schedule. They have now adopted the Wisconsin Uniform Fee Schedule. Payment is based on income. Mr. Lappen reviewed a scenario on how that would work. They would be collecting a minimum payment per month. This will also stop the county from competing with the private sector.

Motion made by Supervisor Bock, seconded by Supervisor Callen to approve the revised rates for service and billing policies.

Mr. Lappen explained that previously a Program Manager handled client's rights and that best practice is for someone that wasn't directly connected. At this time the Client's Rights Specialist is Dale Bspalec, Ph. D. and is currently volunteering his time.

The vote was then taken on the motion to approve. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (6-0)

Discussion Items:

Status Report on Criminal Justice Council: Supervisor Bock stated that the Council will meet on February 25. The first district report of 2008 has come out and it showed that the number of Criminal Justice Councils in the state and the number of alternatives in the court system is growing. This is very positive and it reflects that the Council is doing exactly what it should be doing at this time. They continue to move forward.

Status Report on Winnebago Placement: Mr. Haupt reported that the client was placed in adult foster home care yesterday.

Status Report on Coordinated Services Team Initiative: Mr. Haupt stated that the Special Education Directors in the schools met. At least two school districts are interested in moving forward with this project. They have contacted Beaver Dam School District, as they are the ones with the grant to expand the Coordinated Services Team, to see how they can coordinate their efforts with our schools.

Status Report on Harmony Implementation: Harmony continues to make progress. Different program areas are using it at different times and are trying to adapt the program to the way that they do their work. Mr. Haupt will do a presentation to the committee at the March meeting before it is presented to the County Board.

Status Report on Family Care Implementation: Community Care Inc. recently had a Team Building Exercise, in which they brought in someone from the outside, between Community Care staff and County staff. It went very well. The ad-hoc committee which includes all the Executive Directors and provider representation meets quarterly and they have developed a newsletter with all areas represented and a protocol for handling issues that come up.

Management/Financial/Informational Reports: Mr. Haupt reiterated his concerns about the number of youth placements. He thanked the committee/board for all the advocate responsibility that they have taken outside of their committee/board duties.

Public Health:

Discussion/Items:

Presentation to County Board – Disaster Planning Update: Ms. Madlom reviewed the presentation for the County Board meeting tomorrow. Feedback was provided from the committee.

Review of Environmental and Preparedness Monthly Written Reports: This report was included in the packet. Arsenic grant last sample is being taken today. The DNR will come and speak about the results when completed if the committee would like. The consensus is to request a written report from the DNR.

Communicable Disease Update: Ms. Madlom reviewed the draft report on the new template.

Training was held last week for the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). Case load is expected to increase by 30%.

The New 140 Review Process: This review process is done every five years to assure that the local health departments are meeting the statutory requirements of at least a level I health department. The division is offering an abbreviated process for 2009 and in future years this will be coordinated with the new recommended accreditation process.

Currently there are 15 local health departments participating in year one of the Multi-State Learning Collaborative. We may want to consider volunteering to be in the next group of health departments that participate.

Review of the CDC Performance Standard Process: This is a process developed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as a means to assure that the public health needs are being addressed by the local health department, the local governance body (this committee/board) and all providers public and private in the county. There are ten essential services to be reviewed. In the packet today is information and questionnaire for Essential Service 1. Ms. Madlom is requesting that the committee/board answer the questions to get an idea on how the process works. Consensus to fill out the performance assessment and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Update on the Statewide Smoke-Free Air Policy Initiative: Chairperson Klemz requested to put this on the agenda. The Tobacco Grant may be targeted in the budget to be reduced. Representative Mark Gottlieb will be a main sponsor in bringing this initiative forward. Discussion on a smoking ban.

Supervisor Hertz spoke on his experience with the issue in the schools and at the municipal level. Supervisor Stumpf commented that this is a health issue and that there is an expectation for clean air for people to breathe. Supervisor Bock stated that after a previous discussion with students and the County Board she spoke with owners of establishments that appear to be looking for leadership on this issue from elected officials at the state level to require a ban. Supervisor Walers-stein commented on the social changes that have occurred over the years.

Discussion on drafting a resolution to support what the state is doing regarding a ban or consider a county ban. The consensus of the committee is to put this on a future agenda and invite Representative Gottlieb to attend.

The New Wisconsin State Health Officer Appointment: Ms Madlom announced that Dr. Seth Foldy was selected as the new Administrator of the Wisconsin Division of Public Health and State Health Officer.

Management/Financial Reports: The report was included in the packet. There were no further questions. Ms. Madlom stated that there is no word on the dental grant.

Status of the 2009 Car Seat Grant: Confirmation was received that the grant was awarded.

Status of the 2009 Child Death Review Team Grant: Confirmation was received that the grant was awarded.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 3:00pm

Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Callen seconded by Supervisor Bock to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at 5:02PM

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk