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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County
COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services

DATE:

February 7, 2017

PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30

P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy McCoy, Shirley Suhsen, Carol Pearson, Norma Ross, Tweed Shuman, James Schlender, Iras Humphreys, Dale Schleeter.

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Joe Bodo, Alicia Carlson, Eileen Simak, Lauri Perlick, Diane McNamer, Cindy Hanus.

The meeting was called to order by Tweed Shuman, noting for the record Michelle Lambert was absent.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by James Schlender, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by James Schlender, seconded by Carol Pearson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Audience Recognition

Daniel Cousins Sr., owner of Northwoods Behavioral Health Clinic, expressed interest in operating the intensive supervision program at no cost to the county.

Committee Reports

LCO Liaison:

Per Norma Ross, LCO Child Support has reached its 1,000th case. A resolution was approved to submit grant applications for COPS, Justice Systems and Alcohol & Substance Abuse, and Tribal Youth through the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Old Business:

Residential Services Update

The AODA/Mental Health Supervisor reported a census of six at Transitions and gave an overview of crisis activity for the month of January. New staff members at Transitions have completed training and are doing well.

Economic Support Consortium Update

Vilas County will be adding one additional income maintenance worker. Lincoln County is considering transitioning two limited term employee positions to one full time, permanent position to consist of half-time supervisor, half-time Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) worker.

Juvenile Residential Facility

There was nothing to report under this item.

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Budget Performance Report

Copies of the December 2016 Budget Performance Report for Health and Human Services were provided to the board.

County Car Report

A report of 2016 county vehicle expenses and mileage by department was provided to the board.

ADRC/Senior Resource Center Collaboration

The Director reported on the progression of the contract between HHS and the Senior Resource Center (SRC) for the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) position. Phoebe Hefko with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and Jayne Mullins from the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) will help expedite the contract process. Integration of additional services between HHS and the SRC can be realized in many differing scenarios. In 2017, DHS, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) will make available funding to support agencies with one-time costs associated with integration. The Director will alert the board when details of this funding become available. Kathy McCoy is the county representative on the ADRC-N board of directors. She can present any questions or concerns directly to the board for consideration.

HHS Committee Mission Statement

The draft mission statement provided by Iras Humphreys was reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Kathy McCoy, seconded by James Schlender to accept the January 2017 draft mission statement as presented; motion carried. The mission statement will be added to the HHS Board By-Laws and forwarded to the County Administrator and County Clerk to be added to the county policy and procedure manual. A complete copy of the HHS By-Laws will be provided to the board, and term limits will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Organizational Effectiveness

The Director gave an overview of the state facilitated Organizational Effectiveness program. HHS unit supervisors participated in the seven session exercise. After identifying overall objectives for HHS, the team chose to concentrate on behavioral health issues that challenge the community. The leadership team will continue to work the program together to further agency objectives.

Intensive Supervision Program

An outline of program goals and proposed fees for the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) were reviewed by the board. Staffing concerns regarding drug testing identified at last month's meeting have been resolved utilizing existing HHS staff. Staff members are collaborating with LCO Clinic in an attempt to provide drug testing for tribal members enrolled in the program. A motion was made by James Schlender, seconded by Shirley Suhsen to increase the ISP fees as presented for new program participants to offset program expenses effective immediately; motion carried. Board members asked HHS staff to work with the Public Safety Committee on the development of a Criminal Justice Coordinator position. This item will be added to the March agenda.

Any Items for Discussion Only

Per the Director, the development of successful jail behavior health program responses in Bayfield and Portage Counties was discussed at a recent northern region director's meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.