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Committee Meetings of Sawyer County
COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services
PLACE: Sawyer County Court House

DATE: March 7, 2017
CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kathy McCoy (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Shirley Suhsen, Carol Pearson, Tweed Shuman, James Schlender, Iras Humphreys, Dale Schleeter.

Staff Members in Attendance:

Paul Grahovac, Patty Dujardin, Joe Bodo, Alicia Carlson, Tom Hoff, Lauri Perlick, Dave Bauer, Cindy Hanus.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Iras Humphreys, seconded by Shirley Suhsen to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as presented; motion carried.

Audience Recognition

Joey Johnson, Senior Resource Center (SRC) Board Chair
Eileen Timmerman, SRC Board Secretary
Jeff Hoivik, SRC Vice Chair
Signe Lawson-Jones, SRC Volunteer
John Adler, SC Gazette
Linda Hand, SRC Executive Director
Debbie Martineau, Ashland County Aging Unit

Committee Reports

LCO Liaison:

There was nothing to report under this item.

Old Business:

Residential Services Update

The AODA/Mental Health Supervisor reported a census of seven at Transitions and gave an overview of crisis activity for the month of February.

Economic Support Consortium Update

The combined directors and financial managers meeting of the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium (NIMC) scheduled for March 3 was postponed. The new ES Supervisor, similar to the previous supervisor, is struggling to balance fair hearing and fraud caseloads. Fair hearings take priority over fraud cases. Thus, the NIMC is unable to keep pace with completing all fraud cases.

Juvenile Residential Facility

The Juvenile Justice Supervisor presented information regarding January and February occupancy and expenses for Oasis. Decreased bed days are the result of recent discharges from the facility. Those discharged returned home after meeting all the criteria of their treatment plan that was established upon admission.

Budget Performance Report

Copies of the January 2017 Budget Performance Report for Health and Human Services were provided to the board. Year-end 2016 accounting is not yet complete.

EBS Position

The contract for the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) position has been completed and is mutually acceptable to representatives of the Senior Resource Center and Sawyer County HHS. The position start date is in question at this time. The County Administrator will contact the EBS to provide benefit information and establish a date for start of employment. Services continue to be provided while working through details of the position.

As requested at last month's meeting, the Director reported up to \$30,000 in funds are available from the state to aid in the possible integration of the SRC with the Aging and Disability Resource Center, should the board decide to do so. Linda Hand, SRC Executive Director relayed ongoing concerns about integration from consumers, citizens and SRC board members. Integration of the two entities is not being considered at this time.

New Business:

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

James Schlender reported the Public Safety Committee is looking to the full county board for support of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and the coordination of services between public safety officials and relevant Health and Human Services staff.

Public Health Programming

This item was tabled for next month's agenda. Public Health Officer Eileen Simak was unable to attend the meeting, but provided handouts for the board regarding the Sawyer County Medical Reserve Corp initiative. James Schlender expressed his appreciation for Ms. Simak's hard work, diligence and follow-through with all of her programs.

Any Items for Discussion Only

Dale Schleeter requested an update on the reimbursement for medical expenses owed to the county by the estate of a past HHS client and the result of the subsequent court order. The County Administrator reported satisfactory settlement of the matter.

A request to include HHS Board term limits on the April County Board agenda will be forwarded to the County Clerk.

Iras Humphreys requested information about the administration of the Food Share and F-SET (Food Share Employment Training) programs. Food share is administered through the county economic support consortium and F-SET is a contracted service.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.