

POLK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Public Welcome to Attend

Tuesday July 24, 2012

8:30 a.m., Lower Level Conference Room
Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Department Mission Statement:

Our mission is to assist, empower, and build upon the strengths of the children, youth, and adults in Polk County to achieve positive outcomes.

1. Call to Order/Note Attendance
2. Consideration of Agenda
3. Consideration of June 26, 2012 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Organizational items
 - a. Establish Date/Time/Refreshments of Next Meeting (see below)
 - b. Review Committee Calendar
 - Committee Calendar for July
 - Review department budget submissions and discussion of financial issues
 - Finalization of department goals for following year
 - Review of second quarter financials and related reports
 - Policy revisions for County Board action, related resolutions or other items requiring committee action (as needed)
6. Veteran's Service Quarterly 2012 Update
7. Reports
 - a. County Financial Report
 - b. Human Services
 - i. Standard Monthly Reports
 - ii. General Updates
 - Economic Support
 - Annual Budget
 - iii. Presentation—Juvenile Justice
 - iv. Strategic Plan
8. Human Services Board Member Observations
9. Adjourn

George Stroebel, Chair
Gene Phillips, Director

Tentative Meeting Dates

August 28, 2012
September 25, 2012
October 23, 2012
November 27, 2012
December 18, 2012

Refreshments

August	Kristine
September	Tim
October	John
November	Brian
December	Marvin

and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

money, because he could pay for it out of grant money. This would reduce file cabinets in his office. Good to go on budget.

County Financial Report

Ms. Kirkwood reported on the DOA financial reports. Mr. Phillips said the new HS report continues to be in process, hoping it will be brought to the board when fiscal staff all return from medical leave. On the financial report it shows we have brought in more money in Public Charge for Service than budgeted so far. That is correct. Just to let you know, we currently have 4 staff on FMLA and 3 are in AR positions, so that will slip some.

Standard Monthly Reports

Monthly statistical report – Ms. Hartung asked if we will have results on the stat report? Maybe restitutions paid back. How about food share or MA programs? We will do as much as we can as soon as we get the new computer system. Can we require food share recipients to do FSET? It is now voluntary (was mandatory a few years ago). Gene will check to see if we can, as can Polk County, require it? An idea is, can the clients be encouraged and persuaded? Another idea, bring client in and go thru the form with them on the white board so they are learning at the same time.

Software – will it be 13 or 14? We will be looking at vendors in the next few weeks. Hopefully by the 1st of the year. Is the state working on their own system? They have several systems.

General Updates

Economic Support – Mr. Phillips said we haven't heard anything on W2. WCHSA has decided not to make an issue about it. The broader issue is that off state and county. Another issue for the consortias is the cut 17% in funding to counties in 2012. Some of the counties were cut 5% others 30%, particularly the northern counties. Suggestion are to reduce everyone 17% - some counties would be better, some worse. Mr. Phillips is concerned with looking at the big picture, the best way to operate across the state of Wisconsin. We can't have northern counties throw in the towel. Mr. Stroebel asked about the top disagreements in the consortia. Mr. Phillips replied the status of the 10 counties either sharing a confederation or forming a union. Another disagreement is how many supervisors should be in the 10 counties.

Annual Budget

Brief update, all County Departments have a zero basis, the county levy is frozen from last year. HS is also dealing with reductions in state dollars. Along with the budget Mr. Phillips forwarded a CPS worker and the new computer system. He meets with Ms Jerrick today and Mr. Frey next week. Mr. Phillips is hoping to offset the cuts with additional revenues. This will be part of the strategic planning.

Presentation—Juvenile Justice

Four examples of areas in Juvenile Justice.

1. Differed Prosecution agreement (6 months process)
2. Residential care (3, 4, 5 years) Usually from a childhood trauma – Reactive Attachment

Disorder – the client tends to sabotage wherever they go

3. Middle of road The community is at risk with examples of stealing cars, sexual, and/or failing grades. The social workers may have many tries, use AODA counseling, Northwest Passage, etc. One they moved into foster care and the kid did complete and total turn around. Amazing what the right people can do with children. JJ is talking about how to get new foster homes all the time in Polk with teens.

4. Violent crime – placed and exhausted the resources in the home. Out of placement and into intensive supervision program, electronic monitoring, in home services and hope to protect the community and protect the kid.

Mr. Westigard would like to be a conduit for getting out the info to the community. He will be meeting with Juvenile Justice team on Tuesday and they will visit about it.

Strategic Plan

Mr. Phillips said Human Services will be working on it over several months. The first step is what we want out of this plan that is useful and involves the staff? And secondly looking at the mandates.

What the HS Board want? Where the staff thinks the positives are? Are we operating within capacity? Over capacity? We should develop some positive outlook for services in Polk Co, with the increasing level of clients and dwindling dollars. We need to bring a positive outlook as we look forward to the next few years. Lay out where the state of Wisconsin is going. Look at the trends for state of Wisconsin. Goals and standards and protocols we have to meet and merge with the finances to reach the goal of staying within the guidelines.

Mandates: Mr. Phillips brought 3 state statute books that point out chapters that affect HS CPS, ES, MH, guardianships, APS, CSP, and JJ. The goal is to provide the services and be involved in prevention services. Inplecent mandates are we are there to help. Does HS do non-mandated services? HS does intensive supervision (not mandated) to keep kids out of placement, but it would cost us more to do the mandated services by placing the kids in out of home placements.

Human Services Board Member Observations

Kinship Mentoring is a very effective program. Human Services should have a positive outlook for the upcoming Strategic Plan.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22am was made by Mr. Masters and seconded by Mr. Aleva. All in favor. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Alleva
Secretary