

Juneau County
Human Services Board Minutes
April 17, 2019

The Human Services Meeting was called to order by Mike Kelley in the County Board Room. It was noted that the meeting had been posted in accordance with the law.

Present: Mike Kelley, Tim Cottingham, Carrie Buss, Orville Robinson, Joe Lally, Peg Saylor, Dawn Buchholz
Absent: Carl Wildes

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Carrie Buss to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Introduction of New Director

Dawn Buchholz introduced herself to the committee. She was previously the DHS Director at Waushara County and has more than 17 years of DHS experience.

Birth to Three (B-3) and Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Presentation

Kelly Firlus, Children, Youth, and Families Manager introduced the B-3 and CLTS staff, Ashley Olsen (5 years of service) and Amanda Bures (less than 1 year of service). Both programs are family centered and strive to improve skills and function of children and their families. Referrals continue to increase for both programs through local agencies, schools and other counties. The CLTS program currently has a waitlist of fifteen and six in referral. The goal is to have no children on a waitlist. Respite is the largest need for families and the goal is to keep children living safely and independently in their home. The CLTS program has decreased the cost of out of home care with 50% of respite costs covered. CESA5 continues to be an annual contract with Juneau County providing professional services for occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy. The need for these programs continues to grow and the Wisconsin Counties Association remains an advocate for more funding for these programs.

Update on Contract for Foster Care Licensing

Kelly Firlus was asked in January to update the Committee on the contract with Children's Hospital for Foster Care Licensing. In January, Michelle Lee was hired as the Foster Care Coordinator. This position requires SAFE training to license foster homes. Michelle is required to complete SAFE training, which is not available to her until June 2019; she will then be certified to license foster care homes. Kelly Firlus explained to date, Juneau County has spent \$12,000 and extending the contract until June 30, 2019 will have no fiscal impact on the County.

A motion was made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Joe Lally to extend the contract with Children's Hospital to June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Update on Vacancies

- Adult Services Worker (LTE) – As of January 2019 the APS unit has a fulltime 40 hours Social Worker and a part-time 32 hour Social Worker. Currently the vacant LTE position is not being requested to fill and will continue to be evaluated.
- Community Support Program Nurse – In September 2018, a fulltime 40 hour CSP nurse resigned. Since this vacancy the Behavioral Health Unit nurse increased her hours from 32 to fulltime 40 hours and the Community Support Program nurse works part time 16 hours. Currently the two nurses have been able to fulfill the needs in these two units. The vacant nurse position will not be requested to fill at this time and will continue to be evaluated.

- Authorization to fill Vacancy for Economic Support Manager – Authorization is being requested to fill the upcoming vacancy of Economic Support Manager. Bill Blank with 44 years of service is retiring in July 2019. The position will require adequate training prior to Bill's departure.

A motion was made by Tim Cottingham and seconded Carrie Buss to go to the Personnel Committee to request filling the Economic Support Manager position. Motion carried.

Other Business

Tim Cottingham gave an update on Human Services Day at the Capital attended by Dawn Buchholz, Tim Cottingham and Kelly Firlus. Dawn passed out an article entitled "Falling Behind" regarding the struggles Wisconsin employers, including counties, are having obtaining and maintaining high quality staff. Part of the issue is that the population continues to age and not enough younger employees are staying in rural Wisconsin.

Items for the Next Meeting

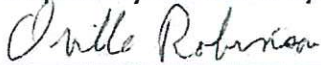
Next Meeting Date

May 15th @ 8:30 a.m. in the County Board Room

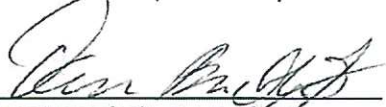
Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Kelley and seconded by Tim Cottingham to adjourn the Human Services Board meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Orville Robinson, Secretary



~~Penny Janecek, Recorder~~

Dawn Buchholz