

Juneau County
Human Services Board Minutes
June 19, 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: Tim Cottingham, Mike Kelley, Orville Robinson, Carl Wildes, Joe Lally, Peg Saylor, Dawn Buchholz

Absent: Carrie Buss

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Joe Lally to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Community Support Program (CSP) Presentation

Maryjo Onsager, CSP Manager, had her staff introduce themselves. Present were Larry Walls, Ed Merz, Judy Bronson, Kim Reigard, Kathy Hannagan, and Jolene Marquart. Each staff member stated how long they've been with the program, most ranging between 10 to nearly 30 years. In addition to the staff, a consumer joins to tell her story of life before joining the program and how the program has helped her overcome her struggles. She has been a consumer for 18 years. The CSP staff assist 70+ consumers with such services as case management, supportive care, and daily living skills. The staff also provide socialization opportunities, counseling, medication and money management, and crisis intervention.

Request Authorization to hire Adult Protective Services full time

Dawn Buchholz states APS is a mandated service and with Jolene Marquart filling the vacant CSP position, there is now an opening. Discussion regarding filling with a 40 hour/week position, as opposed to the previously approved 32 hour/week position. Motion made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Joe Lally. Motion carried. Discussion on possibly budgeting for a 16 hour/week LTE position in 2020.

Request Authorization to fill Comprehensive Community Services position

Discussion was held regarding Kayla Thomas leaving to further her education. Dawn requested the position be posted and filled as soon as possible. Motion to approve made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Orville Robinson. Motion carried.

Request Authorization to fill Clinician position

Discussion was held regarding Christina McCassey leaving to further her education and how hard it is to fill the position based on requirements. Dawn requested the position be posted and filled as soon as possible. Motion to approve made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Carl Wildes. Motion carried.

Request Authorization to fill Economic Support Lead Worker position / Subsequent ES worker position

Bill Blank is retiring after 44 years of service to Juneau County. After receiving approval from county board, interviews were held and Diana Wood, Lead Worker, was offered the position and accepted, resulting in the Lead Worker now being open. Buchholz requests Economic Support Lead Worker position be filled and, if that position is filled by a current Economic Support Worker, that the resulting open Economic Support Worker position then be filled. Motion to approve made by Peg Saylor and seconded by Joe Lally. Motion carried.

Update on Vacancies

APS LTE – 40 hour position opened; Possible LTE position will be put back on agenda near budget time.

CSP Program Nurse – not filling this year. At some point, Human Services might request eliminating a position and creating a different position in order to meet nursing needs. In the past, Human Services has had two full time nurses and one 20 hour/week nurse. Now utilizing one full time nurse and 16 hours/week from Public Health nurse, resulting in 44 hours/week of unfilled nurse time. Part of this salary savings will be used to offset the cost of the Deputy Director position.

Deputy Director – three applicants, holding interviews Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Admin Support Specialist position – approved yesterday by County Board. One receptionist position being eliminated. Admin Support Specialist, along with the Director, Deputy Director and other managers, will absorb the Support Staff Manager’s responsibilities.

Discussion on Medicaid Expansion

Dawn provided a Governor Ever’s Budget handout, titled “*Better, more affordable care, covering more Wisconsinites; Supporting Juneau County*”. Dawn to hold discussion with Amanda Dederich, Public Health Director, regarding presenting to the Executive Committee and possibly the whole county board. Other counties have already sent resolutions supporting Medicaid Expansion to State leaders. Motion made by Joe Lally and seconded by Peg Saylor to draft resolution with Corporation Counsel and present at the July 8th Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Other Business

Discussion on Governor’s Budget – handout “*2019-2021 State Budget*”. Deals with Children, Youth, and Families. Could be a 30% increase for Juneau County. According to budget webinar, there should hopefully be more money for the Youth Justice Program to attend training and additional psychiatric/correction beds.

Trauma Presentation – Amanda Dederich, Public Health, invites all Juneau County employees and board members to attend “*Understanding the Role of Trauma and Resilience in Juneau County*”, presented by Robin Matthies; hopes to extend to Law Enforcement. Dawn provided handout.

Items for the Next Meeting

WHEAP Proposals – being advertised in the paper, on county website and in County Clerk’s office. Bids to be opened and scored at a public meeting. Human Services Board agreed they will do so at the July 17th meeting.

Next Meeting Date – July 17, 2019


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



Alison Brown, Recorder