



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD

MINUTES

August 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peer called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Louis Peer; Vice Chairperson, Becky Heimerl; Gregg Addie, Ed Brandsey, Jason Dowd, Cheryl Drozdowicz, Nancy Lannert, Lynda Olson, Bridget Rolek

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT

John Hanewall, Director; Tahirih Carr DD Financial Worker

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Ed Brandsey, seconded by Lynda Olson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2014 was made by Nancy Lannert, seconded by Jason Dowd. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hanewall checked with Corp. Council in regards to the Dept. sending a letter in opposition to House Bill HR 831: Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act of 2013. Corp. Council recommended that the DD Board draft a resolution on their stance of HR 831. The comment period with the State on HR 831 closes September 2, 2014. The position of the Board is to move forward with drafting a resolution on their stance of HR 831.

Mr. Hanewall provided the Board with copies of the proposed 2015 budget that was presented to Joint Staff & Finance Committee on July 25th. He reminded the Board that these are preliminary figures and that they have already changed since July 25th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BILLS

- A Motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$407,333.13 was made by Bridget Rolek, seconded by Becky Heimerl. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS/ADDENDUMS,

None

3. ENCUMBRANCES

None

4. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

None

5. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Hanewall provided the Board with handouts outlining the budget projections of 2013 & 2014. With the final figures coming in for budget year 2013, the DD Board returned \$522,305 (less than 1/2 of 1% of the budget) to the general fund. While the 2014 budget projections are currently showing a deficit of \$269,522, but that is subject to change as this figure is preliminary.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. Department Updates:

- The dept. opened 1 new case this week. This was an individual whose family had brought her to Rock County in 2013 and had recently decided that they no longer wanted to care for her. A guardian was appointed for this individual and residential placement provided.
- Several other guardianships were also obtained in the past few weeks.

2. Budget Updates:

- The Dept. submitted the Proposed 2015 Budget to County Admin. On August 2nd. Mr. Smith anticipates meeting with our Dept. between Sept. 17th – Sept. 26th.

3. Residential Placements:

- The Dept. is working on several placements that should occur in the coming weeks.

4. Consumer Updates:

- The Dept. had one consumer pass away this week.

5. Providers' Concerns:

- Lutheran Social Services has provided the DD Board with notice that they are closing their Adult Day Services programs in Janesville and Beloit effective Oct. 1st. This is an organizational decision that LSS is doing throughout the state. This will impact about 8 DD Board consumers. Case managers have been notified and have been directed to make alternative plans where appropriate.

6. Staff Updates

none

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Brandsey shared a letter from Wisconsin DHS Secretary, Kitty Rhoades to Honorable Marilyn Tavenner; Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, urging CMS to take into account the need to preserve the full compendium of pre-vocational and day program services in all settings when developing guidance for states.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETING CONSIDERATION

Mr. Hanewall draft a resolution stating the DD Board's stance on HR 831.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th, 2014 at the Rock County Health Care Center Administration Conference room located in the lobby at 6:00 P.M.

NOTE:

Board Members are reminded to call John Hanewall 757-5052 if unable to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Becky Heimerl, seconded by Gregg Addie at 6:57 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Tahirih Carr, DD Financial Worker**

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