

Ashland County Health & Human Services Board Meeting

Sanborn Center

February 17, 2016 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Clarence Campbell, Matthew Horning (4:30), Joan Haukaas, Joyce Kabasa, Matt MacKenzie, Jim Oakley

Excused: A. Koeller, Laura Kruse, Ron Lockwood, Charles Ortman

Unexcused: None

Others: Linda Bailey, LaTricia Dugger, Peter Herlevi, Becki Nelles, Bev Patterson, Terri Perry, Sarah Uitto, Cyndi Zach

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by C. Campbell at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no quorum at this point in the meeting so this agenda item was temporarily tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

WRITTEN DEPARTMENT REPORTS / UPDATES

None

STAFFING UPDATES

C. Zach introduced Becki Nelles, RN. Becki has been hired to fill the Public Health Nurse vacancy created when Mary Ellen Lucas retired recently. Becki comes to ACHHSD from her most recent position with the Sawyer County Public Health Department.

Amy Picchietti has been with ACHHSD as an LTE for almost a year and has become a strong contributor to the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium. Although her position is still an LTE position, the funding for it has been secured for at least the entirety of calendar year 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

As a quorum was now present the minutes of the November 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed. The correction of an error was requested: J. Oakley's absence should be recorded as excused rather than unexcused.

M. MacKenzie made a motion to approve the November 2015 minutes as amended. Seconded by J. Kabasa. Motion carried.

ADULT UNIT/ADRC PRESENTATION – DEMENTIA AND MEMORY SCREENS

LaTricia Dugger, CSW works in the Adult Unit of ACHHSD and is the lead dementia worker for Ashland County. She spends 75% of her time working with the ADRC-N and 25% working with drug court programs and the local anti-drug coalition.

Key points of the dementia presentation by LaTricia include:

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- Dementia-Capable WI is a nationally recognized initiative focusing on developing dementia-friendly communities and businesses as well as dementia-capable ADRCs.
- Dementia is becoming more and more prevalent as a condition and as a cause of death. This trend is expected to continue.
 - Increasing longevity into very old age
 - More and more effective treatments and cures of life-threatening diseases
 - Earlier detection through community education and screening tools
- Dementia-friendly communities are engaged in recognizing, communicating with and supporting people with dementia as well as their caregivers.
 - Community awareness
 - Dementia-friendly businesses
 - Community programs for people living with dementia and their caregivers

Discussion ensued regarding strategies to coordinate and improve local services from various sources including the existing local support groups for people living with dementia and their caregivers.

- Letter from the ACHHSD board to the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Alliance offering training and encouraging support of local dementia initiatives
- Dementia training for the Ashland County Board and for ACHHSD staff

ADRC UPDATES

The 2016 state contract requires physical changes to ADRCs.

- Changes to required signage and marketing materials – to be paid for and provided by the state
- Separate lobby space for ADRCs - the plan for ACHHSD is to create this in the existing lobby by utilizing cubicle walls

2014 ELDERLY BENEFIT SPECIALIST FINANCIAL IMPACT REPORT

This report was distributed to the board and shows that the Ashland County Elderly Benefit Specialist Amy Janecek secured over \$2 million of benefits for citizens of Ashland County in 2014. Amy has also recently been appointed as a regional representative on a statewide committee for elderly benefits specialists.

2015 YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURES/EOY PREDICTION

Through December, ACHHSD has spent 91% of its levy budget. More expenses as well as revenues are yet to be recognized but the best forecast is that ACHHSD will finish 2015 between 5% and 10% below levy budget.

NORTHERN INCOME MAINTENANCE CONSORTIUM UPDATES

Beginning on January 11, 2016 the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium (NIMC) began piloting the “on-demand interview model” for FoodShare, health care and child care for the state. An on-demand interview must be offered both at original application and renewal, i.e. callers may choose to have their interview immediately upon calling the NIMC as opposed to scheduling an interview for a future call. Appointments for telephone or face-to-face interviews are still available if requested.

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Since the inception of the pilot an average of 506 on-demand interviews have been completed weekly by the NIMC. This weekly number is expected to increase as time goes on and clients understand that they have this option. In addition, an average of 153 scheduled interviews per week have been completed. Total calls answered over this period were 8,640 with an average wait time of 5 minutes.

On-demand interviews have significantly decreased the cycle time for the application process. This has been a stressful change for the NIMC workers as virtually all are now call-center workers and scheduling has been very difficult.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/CAFO UPDATES

The meth house that was discovered in January by law enforcement is being cleaned up. Public Health has placarded the building and the owner has hired a professional firm for cleanup/remediation. The owner and Public Health have good lines of communication and remediation is moving forward.

An apartment building in the City of Ashland has been infested with bedbugs. After investigating the building, Public Health handed the situation over to the City of Ashland as a city ordinance exists with regard to insects in rental housing and Wisconsin is a "home rule" state. C. Zach has met with both the building inspector and the mayor to express her concern that unless the ordinance is enforced and a proper remediation occurs, there is a real risk of the spread of the bedbugs to other parts of the city. At this point the property owner has evicted the tenants and has left the building empty; no extermination has taken place.

After discussion, the consensus was for C. Zach to draft a letter from the ACHHSD Board, to be signed by her and by C. Campbell. The letter will be sent to the mayor and copied to city council members. This letter will recap the situation, convey the ACHHSD Board's concern that the bedbugs will spread, and request that the City of Ashland enforce its ordinance in order to prevent or minimize this spread.

M. Horning made a motion to draft and send the letter as discussed. Seconded by J. Kabasa. Motion carried.

Bayfield County passed an operational ordinance in January in order to have some influence over the operation of the CAFO that will be locating there. Bayfield County also passed an ordinance regarding manure storage which is only applicable in the Fish Creek watershed. This ordinance must now be approved by the DNR.

After discussion, C. Zach did recommend that Ashland County put an operational ordinance in place similar to the one passed in Bayfield County.

ADOLESCENT HEALTH GRANT

ACHHSD, in partnership with Bayfield County and NorthLakes Community Clinic, has been awarded a federal adolescent health grant.

- o This grant is for \$100,000 per year for 5 years.

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- A project coordinator will be hired to develop teen advisory committees with representation from all of the school districts in the two counties to work with health department staff in order to better address adolescent health issues.
- The grant proposes medical directors from both counties and a medical representative from Chequamegon Clinic to meet with school boards to discuss our counties' adolescent health statistics and how students can benefit from closer cooperation between the schools and local public health departments.
- The intention is to address adolescent health needs directly, to build a curriculum for adolescent health education for use going forward, and to establish adolescent health clinics in the school setting.

WRITTEN MATERIALS

The following written materials were provided to the Board. Please contact T. Perry if additional information is desired or follow up at a Board meeting requested.

- Children in Substitute Care
- Children & Family Access Statistics
- Income Maintenance Timeliness Reports
- Income Maintenance Ongoing Caseload Monitoring
- State Memo Updating Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools
- Potential Savings from MH Crisis Diversions – July through Dec 2015
- Burden of Smoking in Wisconsin Counties
- WCHSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes – 1/7/16
- DCF Update for WCHSA Executive Board – 2/4/16
- DHS Update for WCHSA Executive Board – 2/4/16

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES/AGENDA ITEMS

The April agenda will have the Children and Families Unit overview on it and the June Public Hearing agenda will have the Child Support Unit overview on it.

J. Kabasa mentioned that the dementia portion of this meeting was particularly useful and appreciated.

M. MacKenzie recommended a tour before the next meeting for any new members appointed to the ACHHSD Board in April.

OTHER BUSINESS

ACHHSD staff will be attending active shooter training on March 2nd here in the Sanborn Center. Additional open slots in the training will be offered to other courthouse staff.

All agency staff will also be going through blood-borne pathogen training here in March.

T. Perry read parts of an e-mail from Ashland County Asst. DA Ruth Kressel praising the interview skills and the professionalism of ACHHSD Child Protective Services Investigator Jennifer Frey. Jennifer's work plays an important role in allowing DA Kressel to secure convictions.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

**J. Kabasa made a motion to approve the bills presented. Seconded by M. MacKenzie.
Motion carried.**

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 20, 2016 at 4:15 pm: Sanborn Center

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recorded by Peter Herlevi