

**MANITOWOC COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Manitowoc County Human Services Department Board met at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020 in open session at the Manitowoc County Human Services Department, 801 Jay Street, Manitowoc, WI. The meeting was also accessible electronically by Zoom.

Board Members Present: Cavanaugh, Henrickson, Bauman, Burke, Ruggirello

Board Members Attending by Zoom: Agnew, Shimulunas

Board Members Excused: Williams

Board Members Absent: Nasep

County Board Members Present: None

County Staff Present: Joas, Ledvina, L. Fure, Randolph, Kubec, Dodge, Ziegelbauer

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRICKSON, SECONDED BY BAUMANN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING INTO THE 2021 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BAUMANN, SECONDED BY CAVANAUGH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

EDUCATION TOPIC: Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) and Youth Justice Innovation Grant – Stacy Ledvina:

Stacy Ledvina presented information regarding YASI, the new Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument that will be implemented statewide for youth justice cases. It will help workers to identify areas to focus on with youth and families to promote positive behavioral change and keep recidivism down. Staff is being trained and would like to implement in January. Once all counties are trained, it will be a much easier transition if youth move from one county to another.

Stacy also talked about the Youth Justice Innovation Grant. Manitowoc County was awarded a \$150,000 grant (a 15 month plan).

There are five main areas we would like to focus on:

1. Looking at assigning the project to one of the new Youth Justice positions to work with a doctor from UW Madison on the Leo Project (using the higher functioning brain.) So many of the kids with a history of trauma don't use the higher functioning brain.
2. Training staff for working with sex trafficking, a program called "Ending the Game".
3. ART - Aggression Replacement Training. Would like to do some refresher training.
4. CAREY Guides and Intervention Tools – Are able to get a free electronic version, can use for 2020 and 2021.
5. Kids at Hope – would like to do refresher training for people in community.

Stacy would definitely be able to come back once the curriculum is developed to show board members. Would bring examples of some of the questions used with youth.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS THROUGH AUGUST, 2020:

We are working on the budget for 2021. Out-of-home placements for kids and adults has an increase for the year to date. Badger Care and Waiver are also up.

In the Child Welfare area there are 138 kids in care, 70% of the placements are due to drug abuse. There is more treatment available than ever in our community and great successes but it just keeps affecting more and more people. We have a net \$63,000 projected deficit.

QUESTIONS AND INPUT FROM BOARD MEMBERS ON THE STATUS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

All the staff have been hired in Economic Support. There is now an opening in our financial area as a worker is going to fill an opening in Child Support.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF AGENCY OPERATIONS:

Human Services has a \$21,000,000 budget for 2021.

We are requesting 2 additional CCS Facilitators for children to address the wait list issue. These positions should be covered by Medical Assistance reimbursements.

Based on the current year activity for Winnebago Mental Health Institute, we will increase the budget for 2021.

Most of our programming will remain constant for 2021. There are some changes in the Children's Long Term Support Program with additional funding from the state.

We are budgeting revenue allocations from state and federal sources the same as this year since we haven't received the reports yet from those sources.

We did projections on the out-of-home placement costs for children and increased some areas from this year's budget. We are assuming that the grant for the juvenile who is placed out of state will continue to be available to cover those costs

The Supervisory staff typically hosts an Employee Appreciation Lunch for employees in March which we postponed due to Covid-19. (There are no county dollars used for this event.) We will be doing a virtual Employee Appreciation Week in October with various events. We have two banners available for board members to sign if interested that we will display at each building.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Human Services Department Board will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 4:45 p.m. The meeting will be held in the 8th Street building at 801 Jay Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BAUMANN, SECONDED BY RUGGIRELLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT BOARD AT 5:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.