

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department
1011 North 8th Street
Sheboygan WI 53081
Room 413

November 5, 2013 **Called To Order: 8:19 A.M.** **Adjourned: 9:57 A.M.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Peggy Feider – Chair; Supervisor Vernon Koch – Secretary; Supervisor Roger Otten, Supervisor Brian Hoffmann, Supervisor Jacob Van Dixhorn, Mr. Curtiss Nyenhuis, and Ms. Barbara Dodge
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Supervisor Kristine Wheeler – Vice Chair and One Citizen Representative
- ALSO PRESENT: Tom Eggebrecht, Elizabeth Mahloch, Martin Bonk, Shannon Otten, and Kim Pagel

Supervisor Feider called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The Health and Human Services Department received an e-mail noting that the agenda for the November 5, 2013 meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee was posted on October 31, 2013, at 11:40 a.m., in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: October 15, 2013 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Supervisor Van Dixhorn moved and Supervisor Otten seconded to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that the Sheboygan Senior Meal Site is located at Zion Church. Recently, Zion Church informed Dale Deterding that their elevator is in need of repair, which will cost approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000, and Zion Church will need to come up with that money. Tom informed the Committee that most likely, the Sheboygan Senior Meal Site will have to find a different location as the meal site is on the lower level of Zion Church. The Committee asked the question of the number of participants currently at that site, which Julie Schaefer will provide to the Committee via email once Tom has that number.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that part of the Department's budget and program plan for this year is to address the issue of the backlog of Termination of Parental Rights cases. Tom informed the Committee that this issue has been discussed with Corporation Counsel Carl Buesing inquiring if he would be interested in assisting getting Termination of Parental Rights cases to court. Corporation Counsel Buesing has agreed to this and has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with this Department and the District's Attorney's Office. In an effort to move this initiative forward, IV-E funding has been made available by the State to offset these costs. The Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by both the Human

Resources and Finance Committees, and this Department is waiting on word of the amount of IV-E funding Sheboygan County will be receiving.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is providing a grant program that would provide individuals with disabilities opportunities for employment in a community integrated setting rather than the sheltered workshop opportunities. Supervisor Feider informed the Committee that Hearthstone recently held a legislative panel, and it was made very clear to our legislators that there needs to be support for a spectrum of employment opportunities and that Rehabilitation Center of Sheboygan's center-based programs and Holiday House in Manitowoc need to be kept funded.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that the Wisconsin County Human Services Association received correspondence from the Door County Legislative Committee in which the Door County Legislative Committee asked Governor Walker and our United States Senators and Representatives to reconsider the acceptance of enhanced Medicaid funding in order to raise the BadgerCare income limit to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The three concerns that were written in this correspondence were:

- 1) Many current BadgerCare parents and caretakers with incomes between 100% and 133% of the FPL have never had to pay a premium for their health care. A monthly premium requirement places an additional burden on these families and increases their risk for loss of coverage.
- 2) BadgerCare recipients are required to report changes in monthly income. Monthly fluctuations in earned income will negatively affect a large portion of this group as they move in and out of BadgerCare to a Marketplace and back again due to changes in seasonal employment. This will create an additional workload for county Income Maintenance staff.
- 3) Because the gross income limit for FoodShare is 130% of the FPL, much of the program alignment effort that was once a goal of the Department of Health Services will be lost.

Supervisor Hoffmann arrived at 8:29 a.m.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that he has received numerous contacts regarding the issue of wind turbines. This topic will be discussed further as there is a Resolution on today's agenda regarding wind turbines authored by Fond du Lac County.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that at the last County Board Meeting, a public speaker took exception to this Department utilizing Xorbix Technologies to assist in obtaining a new software system. Tom informed the Committee that Xorbix has provided exemplary assistance to the Department.

Tom Eggebrecht regrettably informed the Committee that Elizabeth Mahloch has submitted her letter of retirement effective January 3, 2014.

Elizabeth Mahloch introduced Kristin Blanchard and Jennifer Schmidt of Lakeshore Community Health Center. Kristin and Jennifer will be providing information on the Affordable Care Act to the Committee at today's meeting.

Supervisor Feider distributed an article from the *Wall Street Journal* pertaining to the fact that spending on tuberculosis slipped last year. Supervisor Feider indicated she felt the article was

interesting in that tuberculosis is not only in Sheboygan County and more action needs to be taken to treat individuals afflicted with tuberculosis.

UPDATE/REPORT ON WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE – Supervisor Feider

Supervisor Feider updated the Committee on the Wisconsin Counties Association Conference. The sessions she attended were on the Affordable Care Act, providing coverage for individuals with mental health needs, a board and management roles in county government, and the effects of overweight on rural roadways. In addition, Governor Walker addressed the Conference and Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen discussed the need for expansion of drug courts and explained his initiative against heroin.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. – FOND DU LAC COUNTY RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE STUDY OF WIND TURBINES ON HUMAN HEALTH

County Board Chair TeStroete asked Supervisor Feider if the Health and Human Services Committee would take a look at this Resolution and possibly take action on it.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to invite Corporation Counsel Carl Buesing to the Committee's next meeting to get his opinion on how this Committee should proceed.

Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Ms. Dodge seconded to defer action on this Resolution until the Committee can get an opinion from Corporation Counsel Carl Buesing on how to proceed at the next Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HEALTHCARE EXCHANGE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE EAST CENTRAL INCOME MAINTENANCE CONSORTIUM – Elizabeth Mahloch

Kristin Blanchard informed the Committee that the Lakeshore Community Health Center is a certified application organization. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid requires certified application organizations to hire certified application counselors and navigators to assist individuals and families with applications into the Health Insurance Marketplace and refer them to an agent or broker. An Affordable Care Act Task Force has been developed to educate individuals serving the 100% to 130% FPL population. Two community enrollment fairs will also be held with one at Mead Public Library in Sheboygan and one at Generations in Plymouth to try to get everyone enrolled throughout the county.

Jennifer Schmidt informed the Committee that quite a few people have called inquiring about the Affordable Care Act, but the urgency is not there yet. Thus far, at Lakeshore Community Health Center, she has assisted 12 people through the whole application process. More people will be assisting individuals and families after November 18, 2013. The deadline to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace is December 15, 2013 if they want insurance by January 1, 2014. Open enrollment is available through March 31, 2013. With the Health Insurance Marketplace, individuals are receiving notice that their insurance plans are being canceled and they need to enroll in the marketplace.

Once individuals have chosen a policy, they must pay the premium. There is concern for the people who may not realize that they have to be able to continue paying the premiums for the health insurance they have chosen.

Elizabeth Mahloch informed the Committee that on November 18, 2013, the Client Assistance for Reemployment and Economic Support System (CARES) will be updated with the new

Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) guidelines and will be ready to determine eligibility by January 1, 2014. Individuals under 100% FPL are currently in a holding tank and will be released to the Consortium. Account transfers are not occurring however. As of November 4, 2013, 5,289 applications appear to be eligible for BadgerCare Plus. BadgerCare Plus applicants are automatically eligible and can be opened for eligibility by January 1, 2014. At this time, there are 700,000 applications stuck within the website. Those people will not receive letters until the glitch in the website is fixed. The Department of Health Services was asked what their contingency plan is in order to get everyone enrolled by December 15, 2013, and their response was that they are staying the course.

On November 18, 2013, another avenue opens up for individuals. Wisconsin's web-based system, ACCESS, will be modified and up and running by the November 18, 2013 date. Staff will be encouraging people to go into ACCESS and continue to apply with Economic Support for benefits. No federal subsidies will be available for individuals if they go out on their own and buy their own insurance. The state and county you live in, your age, and whether you are a tobacco user or not determine the cost of what your insurance will be. A number of employer provided insurance policies have been grandfathered in, but they can only be grandfathered in if there have been no changes made to the plan at least for this first year. Options in the Health Insurance Marketplace provide coverage for prescription drugs, mental health services, maternity, and preventative care. There are three brokers that practice in Sheboygan who individuals are being referred to in order to determine what plan is best for their needs.

The Affordable Care Act Task Force linked up with the Regional Enrollment Network. The primary goal is to provide less expensive insurance and insure preventative care costs. There are five insurance plans available in Sheboygan County: Anthem, WPS, Molina, Prevea360, and Common Ground. Elizabeth informed the Committee that Green Lake County has only one insurance provider.

CONSIDERATION OF – REVIEW AND APPROVE VACANT POSITION ANALYSIS (VPA) FOR SOCIAL WORKER POSITIONS – Martin Bonk

Martin Bonk presented a "blanket approval" Vacant Position Analysis (VPA) for Social Worker positions. Martin is asking for permission to fill positions that have been budgeted for and approved by the Health and Human Services Committee and the full Sheboygan County Board for 2014.

Ms. Dodge moved and Supervisor Hoffmann seconded to approve the Vacant Position Analysis (VPA) for filling up to three positions and any other positions that Martin has budgeted for that are not filled and forward this request to the Human Resources Committee for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Eggebrecht informed the Committee that the Human Resources Committee has asked for additional time to consider the Revising Hiring and Employment Ordinance and will report in on the Ordinance in December. The Human Resources Committee has also asked for representation from this Committee to attend the next Human Resources Committee meeting to further explain their reasoning behind this Ordinance.

REVIEW AND APPROVE VOUCHERS

Mr. Nyenhuis moved and Supervisor Koch seconded to approve the expense vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS AT OTHER MEETINGS OR FUNCTIONS

Supervisor Hoffmann moved and Supervisor Otten seconded to approve the attendance of the following Committee Members at the following meeting:

- **Wednesday, November 13, 2013**: Human Resources Committee Meeting – Supervisor Hoffmann, Supervisor Koch, and Supervisor Otten

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Purchase of Service Vendor Review
- Chapter 51/Chapter 55 Placements

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:57 a.m., Supervisor Hoffmann moved and Ms. Dodge seconded to adjourn the November 5, 2013 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Julie Schaefer
Recording Secretary

Vernon Koch
Committee Secretary