

# Green County Human Services Board Minutes

April 10, 2018

**Members Present:** Mike Furgal, Jerry Guth, Herbert Hanson, Sandy Horn, Anita Huffman, Beth Luchsinger, Kate Maresch, Russ Torkelson, Emily Zarling

**Non-Members Present:** Greg Holcomb, Andrea Sweeney, Mary Miller, Tim Bruer & Staff

**Call to Order:** Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Approval of March 2018 Minutes:** Furgal made a motion to approve the March minutes, seconded by Horn. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Audit Committee:** Furgal made a motion to approve the March audit. Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
- **Aging & Disability Advisory Committee:** There was no meeting.
- **Regional ADRC Governing Board:** Meeting was in Darlington on March 22, 2018. Topics discussed included: Aging Advocacy Day on May 16, 2018; the 2018 information gathering survey; ADRC budget reallocation; the Board education of what the ADRC is and does; the Aging and Disability Network Conference on September 12-14, 2018; and the 2017 final expenses.
- **Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program Board:** Topics discussed included: the \$850,000 economic grant received for Artisan Food Emporium; hiring dentists for the Fowler Dental Clinic; the three-year opioid addiction grant; and the Dairy Farm grant.

## **Energy Services, Inc (WHEAP Contract):**

- Tim Bruer gave a presentation of how Energy Services, Inc. provides heating assistance. The Economic Support Department would sub-contract with Energy Services, Inc to assist Green County residents with heating with the use of the Green County WHEAP funding. Discussion and questions followed.
- Furgal made a motion to enter into a contract with Energy Services, Inc. to provide WHEAP services in Green County. Guth seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

## **Aging & Disability Advisory Committee Nominations:**

- The following ADAC nominations and the target groups they would represent were presented to the Board: Mike Furgal, physically disabled; Joan Flood, elderly; John Bernstein, elderly; Marilyn Bartelt, elderly; and Roy Thomas, mental health.
- Horn made a motion to approve all names subject to the approval of the ADAC nominating committee. Huffman seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

## **Children's Long-Term Support Program Staffing:**

- Greg discussed the cancellation of the LSS contract with Green County for CLTS services, the bad timing due to state waitlist mandates, and different options going forward.

- One option is to contract with VARC in Viroqua County to provide the services in Green County; however, VARC will not be able to begin services until mid-summer.
- The other option is to add two case managers and a half-time supervisor to Green County staff and provide the services in-house as had been done prior to contracting with LSS. This option would take time as well as it would need to go to Personnel Committee and County Board.
- Also discussed was the option of leasing temporary help in the interim but there would be a considerable investment in training.
- Huffman made a motion to approve either contracting with VARC or adding the two case managers and a half-time supervisor to Green County staff, whichever worked best for the county as well as the families. Torkelson seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Department Updates:**

- New Government Services Building: Holcomb reported that the targeted move-in date is September 8 and 9. Mike Doyle has hired a company to move everything going to the new building.
- Governor Proclamation: The Governor signed a proclamation that April 18 – 22, 2018 would be Specialists Week in recognition of Economic Support workers.

**New Employees:**

- Ray Spade was hired to fill the position vacated by Anita Stein's retirement. He is fully certified in AODA.
- Torkelson made a motion to approve the hiring of Ray Spade, seconded by Huffman. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Resignations:**

- Susan Knox, Monroe Nutrition Site Manager, has retired.
- Fionna Thingvold, CYF Case Aide, has resigned.
- Sharon Farrey, CCS Supervisor, will be retiring June 1, 2018.

**Training Requests:** The training requests were reviewed.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:** The next meeting will be May 8, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

**Public Comments:** Torkelson discussed suicide prevention for farmers. Torkelson also commented on Senior Fun Fest.

**Adjourn:** Luchsinger made a motion, seconded by Horn to adjourn. Hanson adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.