

CRAWFORD COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 09, 2016

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Human Services Board was held on Monday, May 09, 2016 in the Crawford County Administration Building, Prairie du Chien, WI. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman, Dull.

Board Members Present: Donna Bell, Ellen Brooks, Wade Dull, Mary Jane Faas, Elling Jones, Mary Kuhn, Joyce Roth and Brad Steiner

Non-Board Members Present: Dan McWilliams, Director, and Mary Glawe, Clerk III

Posting of Meeting Notice Verified by: Wade Dull

Motion by Roth, second by Jones to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Faas, second by Dull to approve bills and vouchers in the amount of \$28,180.87. Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Appointment of Human Services Vice Chairperson

A new Vice Chairperson is needed due to Tom Cornford being named County Board Chairman and resigning from our board. Motion by Roth, second by Steiner to elect Mary Jane Faas as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayo Clinic Health System Inpatient Closing - Update

Dan is continuing to look for solutions on where we can send Emergency Detentions during the temporary closing of Mayo Clinic's Behavioral Health in La Crosse. He has spoken with Mayo Clinic and they do plan to re-open as soon as they can find/hire a psychiatrist. Gundersen Health System's Behavioral Health remains open but they don't expect they can take the overflow. We will most likely see an increase in Emergency Detentions at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, 4 hours away, where all costs are paid by the county with tax levy dollars at \$1100.00/day. They are currently over capacity but cannot turn people away. We are also struggling with our police and sheriff departments having manpower to transport clients. Madison hospitals are available, but at a rate of \$2200.00/day for patients who don't have coverage.

Mental Health Clinic Psychotherapy at Capacity

Our outpatient clinic has become very busy with an increase in client follow-up appointments, the no-show rate decreasing and Christine Dressler's schedule. We have four people in Trempealeau County Health Care Center right now, with a budget for two. We have more serious incidents coming in and we need someone working with their treatment plans. Our two therapists, Jenn and Heather, are seeing 40 clients/week and the program is full, but it is difficult to turn away a person in crisis. We have not yet started a waiting list. Heather is reviewing Intakes two times per week and continuing to schedule. Mayo's Clinic in PdC has one therapist presently and she is full. They have yet to replace Dixie Jackson. Crossing Rivers has one therapist presently and have recently had a resignation of their other therapist.

At one time our CSP program had 20 people enrolled, it dropped down to 7, but the same amount of time is being spent on the current 9 clients with another person on the waiting list. We need CSP to be a more evidenced-based model and if you implement that model with fidelity you get more positive outcomes. However, Heather needs to explore what the right model is for us to use. She is going out with workers this week to provide side by side supervision and with crisis, emergency detentions, and her client caseload, it is difficult to find time to research and implement an evidence-based practice in CSP.

At some point in time we may need another staff person in Mental Health to help with crisis, court, placements and therapy. We used to contract with another part-time therapist. This is a billable position to insurances. Next month Dan will come back with recommendations.

Mental Health Services Update

We have been seeing serious mental health issues with children. More children are coming through our crisis system and they need more than outpatient therapy.

Family Care

The current Family Care program in Wisconsin helps individuals with long-term care needs so they can live in the community and have their needs met; but if there are any APS needs, they call us. The State is now looking to see if privatizing and dividing the State into three zones will meet people's needs better. A provider would need to cover long-term care, acute and primary physical cares, behavioral health and a self-directed option in an entire zone. CARES Wisconsin out of Madison is a new Family Care provider in our area, which gives our area two MCO's. CARES Wisconsin is also certified as an insurance company. DHS hopes to have this model role out in 2017 but it may take more time.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brooks, second by Bell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Roth, Secretary

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