Marathon County Social Services Board
Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015 – 3:30 pm

Attendance:  Present  Absent
Joanne Leonard  X
Amy Arlen  X
Karen Kellbach  X
Joel Lewis  X
Steve Robinson  X

Also Present:  Vicki Tylka, Jane Huebsch, Toni Simonson NCHC and John Bandow

Guests:  Toni Simonson, Senior Executive of Outpatient Service NCHC
John Bandow, Marathon County Board of Supervisors

Invitation for Public Comments (15 Minute Limit)

Call to order
Meeting called to Order by Joanne Leonard at 3:34 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes October 13, 2015

Action: Minutes approved.

MOTION BY KAREN KELLBACH SECONDED BY JOEL LEWIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

Action: Motion request to move the order of agenda, motion approved.

Policy Discussion and Possible Action

2. County Board Resolution on Consultant to Evaluate Mental Health Services in Marathon County

Discussion: Handout was discussed on the Resolution #R-64-15, to implement recommendations of NCHC oversight task force to contract with a consultant and draft performance management agreement.

• Marathon County Board of Supervisors created the NCHC oversight task force, May 2015
• NCHC task force has been directed to develop policy recommendations regarding needs, structure, cost and service

Task force recommended the following:
1) Secure a consultant to identify future needs and services delivery structure
2015 budget to provide up to $75,000 for contract with consultant to be chosen by RFP process
Consultant should be objective in their evaluation and should have no business association with either Marathon County or NCHC
Completion of this study no later than August 15, 2016

2) Draft a detailed performance management agreement for mental health services to individuals involved in the Marathon County criminal justice system
The task force recommends that the County Administration and Corporation Counsel draft a two year agreement that identifies performance expectations, outcomes and communication process as it relates to mental health service provision
This agenda item was only on the list for informational purposes

Action: None
Follow Through: Update as needed

3. Child Support Performance Update
Discussion: Jane Huebsch, Support Program Manager, gave an overview of the Performance Standards Report. Four charts were reviewed with percentage rates for historical dates 9/2014 – 09/2015, including State target percentage and current County percentage.
Four performance standards reviewed:
- Support Order Establishment
  - State target 80% - County performance 89.63%
  - County has met the performance standard and will receive the full incentive rate
- Paternity Establishment
  - State target 80% - County performance 108.4%
  - Counties have options to earn over 100%, Increase from last year’s percentage
- Child Support Collection
  - State target 80% - County performance 78.45%
  - Increased from last year’s percentage
- Arrears Collections
  - State target 80% - County performance 76.08%
  - Increased from last year’s percentage. County Increasing how we manage to receive payment

2015 Child Support received an award from the State for their Outstanding Group effort in furthering the goals of the Child Support Program in Marathon County. Board congratulated the Child Support team on great job.

Action: None
Follow Through: Update as needed
4. **Request to Expand Children’s Long Term Support (CLTS) Position from .75 to FTE**
   Discussion: Board reviewed handout of new position request.
   - Expansion of existing Social Work position from .75 to 1.0 FTE
   - Reason for expansion is Marathon County received additional funding to expand the CLTS program by reducing the waiting list
   - Continue to operate the program with zero levy
   - Supports our Mission Statement

   **Action:** Motion to recommend increase request to Health and Human Services to approve expanding the CLTS position from .75 to FTE with no levy by Karen Kellbach and seconded by Joel Lewis. Motion Carried.

   **Follow Through:** Continue to be updated.

5. **Proposed Justice for Children Bills**
   Discussion: Board reviewed a handout of Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 Affecting Child Welfare Practice introduced by Senator Robert Cowles and Representative John Macco. The bills relate to the referrals of cases of suspected or threatened child abuse or neglect to the sheriff or police department, coordination of investigation of those cases, and referral of those cases to the district attorney for criminal charges.
   Bill compromises child welfare best practice
   - No knowledge or input of this bill was discussed with child welfare departments
   - Law enforcement involvement in all child welfare cases negatively impacts alternative response, community response and other voluntary services provided to families
   - Requires child welfare agencies to coordinate in the planning and execution of investigation in all cases, including screened out cases in which the child welfare agency lacks statutory authority to act
   - Requires all reports to be referred to law enforcement within 12 hours allowing no prioritization of cases
   - Implementation of these bills could affect confidentiality, taking away all voluntary services

   **Action:** Motion recommended to support the resolution by Joel Lewis and seconded by Amy Arlen. Motion Carried.

   **Follow Through:** Move the resolution to Health and Human Services

**Director’s & Board Member’s Reports**

6. **Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) and Board Member’s Updates**
   Discussion: WCHSA Fall Conference Dec. 3-4, Joanne Leonard will attend pending approval from Health and Humans Service Board.

   **Action:** Continue to be updated.

   **Follow Through:** Update as needed.
Future Agenda Items:
   17 year old back in Juvenile Justice
   Youth Crisis Services- updates
   Legislative Issues updates

Adjournment
There being no further items to be discussed, MOTION BY STEVE ROBINSON SECONDED BY KAREN KELLBACH ADJOURN MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM