

HUEDC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ATTENDANCE RECORD

DATE: October 20, 2009

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 500 West Main Street, Mitchell, IN

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Mitchell
Bill Mitchell
Angela Crecelius
Mary Stutzman
Larry Sipes
Martha Fields
Rosemary Hunter
James Oswalt
Suzanne Brown
Janie Jackman
Vicky Bauernfiend
Don Bowling
Bob Lane
Maxine Parks
Dave Dedrick
Richard Beaty
Marietta Hager*
Jim Mathers
John Fultz
Louis Korff
Ronnie Pennington
Jack Mahuron
Frank Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Alice Brown	E
Marolyn Holzbog	A
Dolores Bales	A
Doug Martin	A
Gerald Montgomery	A
Rosie Wininger	E
Reita Nicholson	E
Ernest Crane	E
Lisa Crane*	E
Doug Leatherbury*	A

* Alternate
A Unexcused Absence
E Excused Absence

STAFF PRESENT: David Miller, Angelia Owens, and Connie Seals

GUEST PRESENT:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by John Fultz, Chairman.
Opening Prayer – Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Roll call was done by Angelia Owens. There were (23) members in attendance. A quorum was present.
- III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: No corrections or questions.

Frank Sullivan made the motion to approve September minutes. Bob Lane seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

- IV. FINANCIAL REPORT – August Report

Jack Mahuron made the motion to approve the August Financial Report as mailed. Jim Oswalt seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

- V. OLD BUSINESS: N/A

- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: David Miller

REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

1. LIHEAP Weatherization Contract - \$322,031

Need Board approval to accept the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Weatherization contract in the amount of \$322,031.

Maxine Parks made the motion to approve the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Weatherization contract in the amount of \$322,031. Jim Mathers seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

2. 2010 Employee Merit & COLA Raise Recommendation

The CEO is recommending to the Board the Standard Merit Pay Increase for employees in 2010 be 2%. For the past few years it has been set at 3% but I am recommending this change due to the recent funding decreases in Aging and Healthy Families, anticipation of increases in health insurance premiums for 2010, and with the new state law passed last spring which will result in a substantial increase in our unemployment costs per employee.

Richard Beaty made the motion to approve the recommendation of the CEO to change the

Standard Merit Pay Increase for employees in 2010 to 2%. Larry Sipes seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Connie Seals, Director of Case Management Services, educated the Board on Aging and Disability Services. We currently have 10 Case Managers who go out into the homes to assess the needs of the consumer. This assessment helps to determine the specific needs of the consumer that will help to allow them to remain in their home as long as possible. The funding sources of our In-Home Services are: Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), Title III, CHOICE, and Medicaid Waiver.

We provide a variety of services in the home which include homemaker services, home delivered meals, respite services, transportation, family caregiver, home health aide, nursing, supplies, lifeline, vehicle modifications, and home modifications. The Case Manager is in charge of interviewing the client and designing a care plan that meets the need of the client. The biggest problem that we have at this time is that there is a waiting list for most programs with the exception of the Family Caregiver Program and the Medicaid Waiver Program. The current waiting lists for the programs are: 533 for SSBG, 306 for CHOICE, and 274 for Title III. We do have very limited funding through the Special Aging account where we are able to help with temporary services such as home delivered meals or homemaker services for someone who has recently been hospitalized or in a nursing home facility.

On August 28, 2008 the Medicaid Waiver Program waiting list was eliminated state wide and to date remains without a waiting list. Since the elimination of the waiting we have increased our Medicaid Waiver consumers by 58.8%. The elimination of the waiting list also helped many consumers that were not eligible for Medicaid before to be appropriate as those individuals are processed at 300% of the poverty level for income requirements. They do have to meet Nursing Facility Level of Care to be eligible for Waiver In-Home services. Case Managers can also assist with the Medicaid application process if needed when the consumer is being assessed for services.

The Family Caregiver Program is to relieve a 24 hour unpaid caregiver of a consumer over the age of 60. This program can provide respite services for the caregiver and or supplemental services of home delivered meals or homemaker services on a temporary basis.

Along with providing in-home services we are also contracted with the state to complete Pre-Admission Screenings. The purpose of the screening is to review an applicant that is going to enter or has already entered a nursing facility to determine if their eligibility set forth by Medicaid allows them to enter or remain in a facility. This determination allows for the reimbursement for Medicaid should the recipient have Medicaid at this time or if they have to apply sometime within the time of their stay. When a Case Manager meets with the consumer being screened they also provide Options Counseling to inform them of services that they are eligible for in the community should they have

the desire to return home. At this time we average about 140 screenings per month and have 11 nursing home facilities within our four county area we serve.

James Oswalt: Why did the state eliminate the Medicaid Waiver Waiting List?

Connie Seals: They found the Medicaid Waiver Program was a lot more cost effective to provide in-home services through Medicaid than being in a nursing home and they also found the consumer receiving in-home services was a lot happier than providing the care in the nursing home facility.

James Oswalt: Did they increase funding?

Connie Seals: Yes and they are currently asking for additional funding to keep the program going without having to place a waiting list on it.

James Oswalt: How big is your staff?

Connie Seals: Besides myself I have nine other Case Managers and an IN-Site Pas Coordinator who helps with the computer, Medicaid Waiver billing, and the Pre-Admission process.

Larry Sipes: Can your private pay for services?

Connie Seals: Our programs are funded through Social Services Block Grant, Title III, CHOICE, and Medicaid Waiver. We do have a private pay caregiver list for all four counties. That is an option we give due to our long waiting lists.

2. The Board of Directors Christmas Dinner will be held on December 15th at Spring Mill Inn. Entertainment will be the 2nd Shift Bluegrass.
3. We received a HUD Counseling Grant in the amount of \$25,000.
4. Lost River Place II construction in Orleans will begin soon. This project will consist of 16 three and four bedroom apartments.

PROVIDED MATERIALS

- Program Director's Board Reports
- News Articles
- Hospice License Renewal

VIII. ADJOURN

Don Bowling made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Beaty seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED

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Reita Nicholson, Secretary