

BOARD MINUTES
UNIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICES
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
200 W. Alona Lane, Lancaster, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Beals, Judy Friar, Nancy Howard, Amy Kite, Mel Masters, Justin O'Brien, Gary Ranum, Charles Stenner, Mike Tiber (Chair.) and Mary Ellen Tredinnick.

MEMBER ABSENT: Patrick Schroeder

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Lockhart, Zack Armstrong, Cheryl Knapp, and Nancy Schmitz.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:00 p.m.; quorum present.
2. OPEN MEETINGS LAW CERTIFICATION: A notice was published in the Herald Independent, stating the date, time and place of the Unified Community Services Board meeting. Notice was also posted in four public locations, on Grant and Iowa Counties websites and sent to local radio stations. Verified by Nancy Schmitz.
3. AGENDA: Justin O'Brien moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Nancy Howard and passed unanimously.
4. MINUTES: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.
5. INTRODUCTIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
6. BILLS: Mary Ellen Tredinnick moved approval for payment of the bills for July/August, 2019 as reviewed. Motion seconded by Carol Beals and passed unanimously.
7. REPORTS:
 - a) Financial report for July, 2019 given by Zack Armstrong.
 - b) 2018 Audit Report from Johnson Block given by Zack Armstrong.
 - c) Personnel report for July, 2019 given by Cheryl Knapp.
 - d) Chairman's report – Attended the Iowa County Public Participation meeting, no attendees.
 - e) Jeff Lockhart presented the Agency Director's report as follows:
 - i. Unified's unassigned fund balance is at 18%.
 - ii. SAMHSA Drug Court Grant expiring on 9/30/19. There were unspent funds and we received an extension for part of the money, including funding for UW Platteville to do a data analysis of treatment results.
 - iii. Received an extension for the MAT Jail Grant for an additional 12 months.
 - iv. Zack Armstrong previously submitted budget estimates for State Institute costs in the amount of 300,000 annually. The average for the past two years has been \$430,000.
 - v. Grant County Social Services had 18 children removed from their homes and 16 were related to meth in the homes.
 - vi. Scheduled the Personnel Committee meeting for September 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Lancaster.
 - vii. Scheduled the Finance Committee meeting for September 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Dodgeville.
 - viii. Continuing to advertise for an AODA Counselor. Interviewed for the full-time and half-time positions for Emergency Services.

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- ix. New Mental Health Clinician started this week in our Dodgeville office.
- x. Staff attended training for Dialectical Behavior therapy (DBT) to treat Borderline Personality disorder.
- xi. Comprehensive Community Services Committee met for the first time today. They will be meeting quarterly. We have submitted the application to the State and hope to launch this program in January.
- xii. Our landlord has a potential partner who assessed the building the wants to raise the rent from \$16 to \$21 per square foot. Looking at options.
- xiii. The Lift program is hoping to expand to 24/7 transportation in five counties. Volunteer drivers would receive \$.50 per mile.
- xiv. Dodgeville has a female sober housing unit and they are working to open another for male sober housing also.
- xv. Discussion about Medicaid expansion.
- xvi. Governor Ever's budget has included additional funding to remove more children from the wait list for the Children's Waiver Program. We are waiting for direction from the Bureau of Children's Services to start this process.

Charles Stenner moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Motion seconded by Judy Friar and passed unanimously.

- 8. BUILDING LEASE: Jeff informed the landlord that Unified couldn't agree to the current increase in rent. It was not in the budget for this year. We need to look for a solution. Possibly suggest an incremental increase over time such as \$2.00 per year until it gets to the \$5.00. No action taken.
- 9. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL MEDICAID EXPANSION: Carol Beals moved to support the Resolution to support Medicaid Expansion and present to the County Board of Supervisors. Motion seconded by Justin O'Brien. Gary Ranum moved to request further time to research and discuss at next month's meeting. Chair called for unanimous consent to withdraw motion in support and discuss at next meeting and passed unanimously.
- 9. NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT: Charles Stenner moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Mary Ellen Tredinnick and passed unanimously.

Nancy Schmitz, Recorder