

**Ashland County Health & Human Services Board Meeting
Sanborn Center
April 17, 2019 4:15 p.m.**

Members Present: Matthew Horning, A.A. Koeller, Pete Russo, Bill Metzinger, Joan Haukaas, Ron Lockwood, Matt MacKenzie, Laura Kruse

Excused: Charles Ortman

Unexcused: Clarence Campbell, Joyce Kabasa

Others: Terry Barningham, Pete Herlevi, Cyndi Zach, Laura Compton, Jenni McBain, Kelly Maday, Emily Hanson

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by P. Russo at 4:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2019 Board Meeting were reviewed.

Dr. Koeller made a motion to approve the February 2019 minutes. Seconded by Dr. Horning. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

WRITTEN DEPARTMENT REPORTS / UPDATES

None

TOBACCO PRESENTATION (Charmaine Swan)

Charmaine Swan from the American Lung Association gave a presentation on electronic nicotine devices (e.g. e-cigarettes, vape pens, juul, etc.).

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SMOKE FREE POLICY

The resolution to support the adoption of comprehensive commercial tobacco-free school policy and procedures in all Ashland County schools was discussed. M. MacKenzie suggested making a smoke free policy to include all Ashland County property. C. Zach stated that the laws would need to be reviewed first, and a conversation with the Attorney General would be helpful. Dr. Horning requested that the Health & Human Services Board recommend the idea to the County Board, while M. MacKenzie requested to refer the idea to the Public Property Committee.

M. MacKenzie made a motion to approve the resolution to support smoke free policy. Seconded by L. Kruse. Motion carried; resolution passed.

2018 YEAR-END EXPENDITURES

P. Herlevi reported that the department was over the levy budget by approximately \$300,000, which was better than expected. Per usual, the out-of-home care costs caused the overage.

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The Children's Unit is actively working on permanency cases involving seven kids, which could greatly affect the budget in the future.

STAFFING UPDATES

- Dar Neff's last day is today, and Kelly Maday will be taking over the Child Support Supervisor role tomorrow.
- Judy Schoch and Lana Froeming replaced Kelly Maday and Jill Bucholz as Child Support Specialists.
- Tami Tolliver, Economic Support Supervisor, is no longer leaving her position.
- Mike Cashman, BFI Grant Coordinator, has resigned effective 4/19/19; Scott Griffiths will replace him.
- Theresa Beckman, Kannon Kilander and Camryn Smith have been hired part-time to work with the BFI Grant, which runs the after-school program.
- Nettie Titel has been hired as the administrative assistant to help with the transition of the CCS program.
- Courtney Rauschenbach, Social Worker, has resigned effective 6/6/19.
- With Ashland County HHS taking over the CCS program we have hired an entire unit: Valerie Levno, CCS Program Administrator; Teri Ovaska, Clinical Coordinator; Nancy Scott, Nurse; Liz Kallio, Mental Health Professional; Dorine Damm, Case Manager; Hannah DeWitt, Service Facilitator; Martin Gordon, Substance Abuse Professional; Courtney Mihalak, Nurse; April Sirek, LTF Screener and Service Facilitator; J.W. Sutton, Service Facilitator; and Stephanie Tutor, Service Facilitator.

WHEAP UPDATES

T. Barningham distributed a handout summarizing WHEAP for 2019 so far. We are close to where we were last year at this time. We do not anticipate any extra money coming from the State at the end of this heating season, as there has been in the past.

CCS UPDATES

T. Barningham reported that the CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) Program will be coming in-house as of 5/1/19. New Horizons North chose to end their contract as of 4/30/19. We are currently negotiating to rent the building that currently houses New Horizons North. Our priority is to minimize the disruption in services to all clients during this transition.

CSP UPDATES

T. Barningham stated that in order for us to take on CSP (Community Support Program), we need to get certified. With having CCS in-house, there will be staff in place for CSP. We are currently in the process of constructing a MOU under their certification for the period of contract end to certification date.

GRANT UPDATES (BFI, YJI, Crisis, Foster Care)

BFI – J. McBain reported that they are currently pulling in more community partners to be involved, such as Northland College. They are starting to get kids in the programming. They are hoping to set up more summer hours. Next fall they will introduce the Botvin Life Skills curriculum.

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YJI – J. McBain stated that they currently have some kids that are court ordered to be involved in the activities starting next week.

Crisis (mini-grant) – T. Barningham reported that the process for identifying high risk individuals, getting their information uploaded into a platform that is downloadable for service people has started, and they have received an extra \$20,000 in funding. The extra funding will be spent mainly on training for CIT (Crisis Intervention Teams).

Foster Care – T. Barningham stated that she has applied for some foster care grants to help recruit and retain foster parents. Grants would also allow us to pay respite to providers, which we currently don't have funds for. An idea for part of the grant money would be to have a "pantry" that would include clothes, personal hygiene items, blankets, stuffed animals, etc. for removed children.

WRITTEN MATERIALS

The following written materials were provided to the Board. Please contact T. Barningham if additional information is desired or follow-up at a Board meeting is requested.

- Children in Substitute Care
- Children & Family Access Statistics
- IM Timeliness Dashboard
- Adult Inpatient Costs
- Cancer in Ashland County – 2019 Profile
- WCHSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes – 2/7/19
- DCF Update for WCHSA Executive Board – 3/2019
- DHS Update for WCHSA Executive Board – 3/2019
- County Health Rankings (submitted by C. Zach at end of meeting)

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES/AGENDA ITEMS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

<p>Dr. Horning made a motion to approve the bills presented. Seconded by Dr. Koeller. Motion carried.</p>
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NEXT MEETING DATE

June 19, 2019 at 4:15 pm: Ashland County Courthouse
Public Hearing & Organizational Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Recorded by Emily Hanson