

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2008

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Wilbur, LaPointe, Banks, Rymph, Shay, Hurley

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPERVISORS: Trinkle, Lindsay, Scribner, G. Hall

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Mike Gray, Director Youth Services

Rob York, Director Mental Health

Claire Murphy, Director of ADRC/OFA

Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS

Kevin Hayes, County Administration

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – October 29, 2008 Meeting
- 3) Department Reports/Requests:
 - A) ADRC/Washington County C.A.R.E.S
 - 1) Advisory Council Member Approval
 - 2) 2008-2009 Budget Impact/Service Plan
 - 3) Year End Projections
 - 4) Cell Phones
 - B) Youth Bureau
 - 1) Year End Projections
 - 2) Cell Phones
 - C) Mental Health
 - 1) Revision of Proposed 2009 Budget – Council for Prevention Contract
 - 2) Unified Services Funding
 - 3) Year End Projections
 - D) Social Services
 - 1) Agency Update
 - 2) Year End Projections
 - 3) Cell Phones
 - E) Veterans
 - 1) Year End Projections
 - 2) Cell Phones
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairman Wilbur called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2008 meeting was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Messrs. Rymph and Shay and adopted.

ADRC/Washington County C.A.R.E.S– Claire Murphy, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Aging Advisory Council Appointments 2008/2009 – The Advisory Council by-laws require that the Human Services Committee approve appointments to the Council. A motion to approve Aging Advisory Council Representatives for the Town of Argyle and Fort Ann (committee approved other town appointments last month:

Town
Argyle

Representative
Ruby Komerony

Fort Ann

Pat Cantanucci

was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mr. Hurley and adopted.

- 2008-2009 Budget Impact/Service Plan – handout on file. The Office for the Aging contractual lines within the A6010 budget will be short \$12,962.00. They have \$9,000 in savings from fuel and the personnel line is under budget. Budget amendment not required.
- 2009 Budget Adjustment Plan – handout attached. A motion to recognize revenue of \$41,305.00 in 2009 budget was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Hurley and adopted.
- No Cell Phones

YOUTH BUREAU – Mike Gray, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Year End Projections – Year-end projects: \$9,000 surplus in the personnel line, no funds budgeted for equipment and under budget on contractual approximately \$6,600.00, handout on file.
- Cell Phones – no cell phones

MENTAL HEALTH – Rob York, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Revision of Proposed 2009 Budget – Council for Prevention Contract has learned that they are slated to receive additional funding in the amount of \$63,600. The committee recommended waiting until next year to amend the budget once the figures are finalized.
- Problem Gambling – Invitation to a presentation on Friday, December 12th at the Queensbury Hotel from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. regarding Know Your Limits, Problem Gambling, What is the Problem, handout on file.
- Unified Services Funding Status – Rob explained how only five counties have Unified Services Funding which allows them to pay a much lower rate. Most counties pay 50% and the state 50% but Washington County only pays 3%. The attached handout shows current funding ratios and what it would be at a 50/50 split. Also distributed was a handout, pie charts showing 2009 Community Services Funding Mix with Unified Services and 2009 Community Services Funding Mix with Unified Services Funding Elimination, on file. A resolution will be presented if a change in the funding is included in the Governor's 2009 budget proposal. Kevin feels this change is coming, as it is an easy decision for the state. Rob will connect with the other unified services funded counties on a coordinated approach to this cut.

SOCIAL SERVICES – Tammy DeLorme, Commissioner DSS, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Agency Update – handout attached on DSS Assistance Program trends. The number of cases are increasing.

- Year End Projections – handout on file. A motion to amend budget DSS for year-end expenses transferring funds between line items in the amount of \$302,500 was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Messrs. LaPointe and Shay and adopted. (Resolution for the December 2, 2008 Board meeting.)
- Cell Phones – Cell Phone/Pager Inventory handout attached. 25% County cost. The bills are reviewed for personal calls and an employee has been terminated for that reason.

VETERANS – Sam Hall, Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Cell Phones – One used by the veterans' bus driver approximate cost of \$20/month and one was turned in.
- Budget Projections - \$2,000 remaining at year-end, Handout on file.
- Projected income from DSS will be down because the veterans' bus has changed from going five days a week to three days a week.
- Human Services Agencies in 2009 – Sam stated they are in the business of services and with an increase in need, the Human Services agencies will need more staff. He feels they are getting dangerously close with current staff to be able to provide these services.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

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