

## Minutes

A special meeting was held by the Department of Human Services on Tuesday, September 02, 2014 to discuss the proposed 2015 budget. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherman Erlandson at 10:00 a.m. Proper public notice was given.

### Audience to Visitors

There were no visitors.

### Review of the 2015 Proposed Department Budget

Eitland stated by statute we have to allow for public comment and 2 hearings were held. Eitland stated the proposed 2015 budget, if approved today, will go on to the Finance Committee and then on to the full County Board. Eitland stated that for the past several years all departments have been instructed to come in with a 0% levy increase. Eitland stated that we were able to come in at a 0% increase in 2012 and in 2013 we did so because of the \$50,000 carry over from the Mendota fund to 2013. Eitland stated that for 2014 our accepted budget was approximately \$15,000 over zero percent. Eitland stated that the county general fund covers 2014 costs at Mendota and Winnebago State Mental Health institutes now but we are close or slightly over 2014 budget at this time.

Eitland stated the proposed 2015 budget is \$47,872 over the 0% increase in levy request. Eitland stated she wanted to go over the bigger expenses in the budget. 1) Family Care payment of \$322,315 every year. 2) Mental Health Court Committed – budget is over \$1 million dollars. 3) Western Region for Economic Assistance (WREA) – partial levy dollars. 4) Outpatient counseling and individual and group therapy. 5) Salaries and health insurance. Eitland stated we have several sum-sufficient programs where we spend the funds and then we stop payments or move the expenditures to another line item. Eitland stated the managers have to take the data available today and make projections for next year, which does not account for unknown expenditures.

Eitland went over the funds by line item: 1) Fund 78 – 100% tax levy. 2) State mental health institutes Winnebago and Mendota costs budget zero and go to County Board to pay bills. 3) Fund 80 revenues from mental health block grant, fees for assistance, COP, WHEAP/Energy Assistance, Coordinated Services Team and the Community Support Program. 4) Fund 80 Expenditures include the Family Support Program, Birth to 3 Program, legal services, mental health placements, etc. 5) AODA CBRF costs for one year. 6) Counseling and therapy at

Center Point Counseling – cover costs of counseling for people without insurance or medical assistance. Klousia stated that because of Badger Care Plus and the Market Place, Center Point has worked diligently to get other coverage and explored other options to help keep our expenses down. 7) Community Support Program - there are 48 regular CSP slots providing intensive community based programming – 4 on a waiting list and 4 court committed slots. 8) Sheriff's Department – provides specialized transportation when necessary. 9) COP Program – no levy – fully funded by the allocation we receive. 10) Computer Maintenance – helps with maintaining our internal Visual WISSIS and EWISACWIS programs. 11) Block Grant for AODA – 20% of total block grant to be used for prevention services. 12) Lakeview Partnership/Mississippi Valley Health Services - \$72.55 per day – budgeted for 6 individuals. 13) Family Care payment every year - \$322,315. 14) Energy Assistance Program – No levy dollars. 15) Income Maintenance – anticipating federal dollars for the Affordable Care Act may continue to support 3 LTE positions in the Department. 16) Eitland stated that Vernon County has been part of the Child Care Pilot Program through the State Department of Children and Families. Eitland stated the Child Care program helps pay a portion of child care expenses for eligible working families. Eitland stated Vernon and Clark counties are entering all child care information for the 8 county consortium. Eitland said state representatives were very impressed with our program and want to use it as a statewide model. 17) Eitland stated there is \$60,000 in the counseling and therapy for children services. 18) Eitland stated the \$10,000 payment to support the Big Brother/Big Sister program in Vernon County has been eliminated. Lee stated that we have learned that it is very hard to find adults to match up with kids. Lee stated the program will continue in Vernon County without our financial support. 19) Eitland stated we receive a Youth Aids allocation to serve delinquent and at risk youth in Vernon County. 20) Comprehensive Community Services - \$100,000 will be spent and is claimed back since it is all funded through medical assistance. 21) ADRC – 4 counties are in the ADRC consortium. We contract with La Crosse County who contracts with the state. Our allocation covers the costs at the ADRC. ADRC social workers do a 15 minute increment time study which generates dollars back to the county.

Eitland stated the proposed 2015 budget total is \$5,422,661. Eitland stated she wanted to give kudos to the 4 managers for working hard while putting this proposed budget together. General questions were asked by Board Members. Motion made by Hicks to approve sending the 2015 proposed budget in the amount of \$5,422,661 to the Finance Committee. Second by Mc Coy. Motion carried.

Erlandson and the committee thanked Eitland and her managers for a job well done.

Motion by Mc Coy to adjourn. Second by Bringe. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Kim Tainter  
Administrative Assistant

Members Present

Sherman Erlandson  
Ralph Hicks  
Brian Richardson  
Frank Mc Coy  
Mary Bringe  
Dianne Radcliffe

Members Absent

Jay Vosseteig  
Dennis Brault  
Maynard Cox

Others Present

Pamela Eitland  
Kim Tainter  
Jim Lee  
Jean Klousia  
Kelly Schwarz  
Marsha Everson