

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

December 14, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Copenhaver, Roger Ewan, Rose Madlon, David Krug, Rollie Thums, Lori Willner, David Lemke, Vicki Duffy, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Paul Thornton, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 9, 2011 MEETING. ROGER EWAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVID KRUG. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: Black River Industries (BRI) Director Paul Thornton reported to the Board that grant money was used to purchase a new bus for 12 people/two wheelchairs. Other topics Mr. Thornton discussed were: 1) the client satisfaction survey was sent out and results are mostly favorable; 2) BRI is in the midst of their fourth annual fund raising drive; 3) the south and west walls of the BRI building will be re-sided next year; 4) the document shredding area will be expanded due to an increased volume of shredding material, and they have received some new shredding equipment; 5) 2011 has been a good year for production. Mr. Thornton also brought in and explained some of the products that BRI assembles for area companies.

Update on W-2, General Relief, and IM Regionalization – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer presented information on W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare, Medicaid, and unemployment. Seven individuals are participating in the W-2 Program for November. The W-2 Program currently has a surplus of \$16,681, and the 2012 W-2 contract has been received with an increase in funding for 2012, according to Ms. Kellnhofer. The November General Relief information shows high costs in the areas of shelter and medical. FoodShare and Medicaid numbers continue to increase. Ms. Kellnhofer also reported on unemployment rates. For October 2011, Taylor County's unemployment rate was at 7.0%; Wisconsin's rate was at 6.8%, and the U.S. rate was at 8.5%.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer provided the Board with the handout that will be sent to clients who are enrolled in FoodShare, Family Planning Only Services, Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, and Caretaker Supplement programs. As discussed at past Board meetings, this change is due to the state requiring counties to join a consortium to provide these benefits. Taylor County is now a member of the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium consisting of 12 counties in the State of Wisconsin. Effective 1/1/12, clients on the above-mentioned programs are to call a toll-free number to reach a call center in order to enroll or make changes to their case. Cases will be shared among the 12 counties. Sue Hady added that she will be placing an article in *The Star News* to inform Taylor County residents of these changes.

Sue Hady pointed out an article in the Board packet from *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel On-line* dated 11/19/11. This article discusses Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Dennis Smith plan to make changes to the current Medicaid system in the state. In order for Secretary Smith's proposal to be enacted a waiver is needed from the federal government by 12/31/11. Ms. Hady indicated that Secretary Smith did not submit this

waiver request until 11/10/11. These requests usually take three months to process and more than likely the federal government won't have time to review it. Medicaid cuts would result in approximately 53,000 adults losing Medicaid benefits under the federal government program and approximately 65,000 (half of them children) would lose Medicaid coverage under Secretary Smith's program. The article concluded by urging the federal government to reject the state's waiver request to allow more time for the state to revise its current proposal.

Review and Approve 2010 Annual Report: The 2010 Annual Report had been sent earlier to the Board for their review. After some discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT COPENHAVER, SECONDED BY DAVID KRUG, TO APPROVE THE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There were three addenda presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Addenda</u>			
Clark County Health Care Center SPC 103 – Respite Care Unit Rate: \$197.50/day (24-hour day) (two clients) Effective: 11/25/11	\$ 1,580.00	CIP I	\$ 22,883.00
St. Joseph's Hospital/L.E. Phillips – Libertas Center SPC 506(10) – Transitional Hospital Setting Unit Rate: \$173.40/day (one client) Effective: 10/1/11	\$ 4,855.20	Community Aids	\$ 18,471.21
Linda Gollhardt Adult Family Home SPC 103 – Respite Care Unit Rate: \$130/day (one client) (24-hour day) (four days per month) Effective: 12/1/11	\$ 520.00	Children's Long- Term Support	\$ 30,760.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY DAVID LEMKE, TO APPROVE THE ADDENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF NINE AYES.

Director's Report: There was no Director's Report.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at noon in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Handouts distributed:

General Relief Report for November 2011

Northern Income Maintenance Consortium contact sheet

Updated Contract/Addenda sheet for December 2011
Wisconsin County Unemployment Rates – October 2011
Wisconsin Initial Claims (unemployment) 1st, 2nd, 3rd quarter for 2011
Local Unemployment Rates – October 2011
W-2/GR Year-to-Date Benefit Expenditures – December 2011
W-2 Caseload numbers from 9/10 to 11/11
FoodShare and Medicaid (CARES) numbers from 10/10 to 10/11

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

November 9, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

Members Present: Lori Willner, Rollie Thums, Vicki Duffy, David Lemke, Rose Madlon, David Krug, Roger Ewan, and Dave Bizer. Scott Copenhaver arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: (for all or a portion of the meeting) Karyn Eckert of *The Star News*, Lester Lewis, Chuck Zenner, Sue Nuernberger, Cheryl Ketelhut, Kelley Isola, Gwen Thomas-Smith, Amber Fallos, Julie Clarkson, Kathy Tingo, Craig Alwin, Kris McMurry, Gayle Eggleston, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the October 12, 2011 meeting: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DAVID KRUG. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: Several Human Services employees were present to express their concern that the Human Services building was not allowed to post a restriction to carry weapons into the building. Several letters and signatures of support protesting the county's decision to not post the Human Services building as a "no weapons" building were distributed to Board members. Gayle Eggleston, a counselor who works with alcohol and other drug abuse clients at Human Services explained that she is in favor of the concealed carry law, but believes that guns should not be permitted in the Human Services building. She continued by stating that many individuals seen at the Human Services building are struggling financially and this among other problems can take an emotional toll on someone, creating angry, hostile behavior. Ms. Eggleston stated that she has seen this behavior firsthand when she was called to a crisis situation and came face-to-face with a 20-gauge shotgun. Peggy Kellnhofer added that she had contacted all but four counties in the state, and 56 counties do not allow guns in their human services/social services buildings; four counties currently allow guns but are reviewing the policy; and seven counties are going to their committees for approval to ban guns at their human services/social services departments. Lester Lewis, a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee then announced that the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which he indicated is responsible for the health and safety of county employees, had met earlier in the day and voted to approve posting of no weapons/firearms in the Human Services building. Sue Hady and others in attendance thanked Mr. Lewis and the other members of the Building and Grounds Committee. Mr. Lewis added that the full County Board still has the authority to change this decision.

Update on W-2, General Relief, and IM Consortium – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer presented information on W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare, Medicaid, and unemployment. Currently, there are eight individuals participating in the W-2 program. The General Relief program shows a surplus at this time, while the caseloads continue to increase in the FoodShare and Medicaid programs. Ms. Kellnhofer also reported that the unemployment rate was 7.4% for Taylor County in September 2011; at the same time one year ago the rate was slightly higher at 7.7%. The rate for the county in August 2011 was 7.8%.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer reported on the IM Consortium. She indicated that by 1/1/12 each worker in the consortia will be required to have a 10-digit telephone number in order to

obtain electronic signatures over the telephone, and they have been working with the county's IT department to assist with this project. Lester Lewis had some concerns about whether or not the Human Services building is correctly wired for this type of telephone system. Ms. Kellnhofer explained that Taylor County staff will not actually be part of the call center but instead will concentrate on other duties within the consortia. She also added that all their case files need to be electronically scanned by 1/1/12, and a clerical support worker is assisting in this project.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There were three addenda presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Addenda</u>			
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare Legal name change to: Mayo Clinic Health System – Franciscan Medical Center, Inc. Effective: 8/1/11	N/A	N/A	N/A
Black River Industries, Inc. SPC 107.30 – Specialized Transportation Unit Rate: \$15.00 (one way) (two clients) Effective: 10/10/11	\$ 2,880.00	Community Integration Program IB	\$773,880.00
Mid State Independent Living SPC 103.26 – Home Based Respite Unit Rate: \$16.00/hour (one client) Effective: 11/1/11	\$1040.00	Family Support Funding	\$ 6,040.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY DAVID LEMKE, TO APPROVE THE ADDENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF NINE AYES.

Director's Report: There was no Director's Report.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at noon in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROSE MADLON, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Handouts distributed: "Employer Policies Toward Guns and the Risk of Homicide in the Workplace"
"Guidelines for Preventing Workplace Violence for Health Care & Social Service Workers"
Letter to Attorney Ken Schmiede from Sue Hady dated 10/31/11

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

October 12, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Members Present: David Krug, Roger Ewan, Rose Madlon, David Lemke, Vicki Duffy, Lori Willner, and Dave Bizer. Scott Copenhaver arrived at 12:25 p.m.

Members Absent: Rollie Thums had an excused absence.

Other Attendees: Paul Thornton, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the September 14, 2011 meeting: DAVID LEMKE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 MEETING. DAVID KRUG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: DAVID KRUG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

David Krug requested time later during the meeting to present a brief update on the aging and disability resource center (ADRC).

Public Input: Paul Thornton, Director at Black River Industries (BRI) reported that they are very busy making snowshoes for a local company and also working with the Department of Corrections on sewing of uniforms. Mr. Thornton added that BRI is in need of another paper shredder and additional space for their document shredding service, as they have recently obtained another shredding agreement. He also reported they have rejoined the United Way, and BRI had written a grant and received funding for a changing table and surveillance cameras. Mr. Thornton then discussed the lack of referrals from DVR, but BRI is exploring a partnership with a community-based work/rehabilitation center to help with these referrals. He concluded by informing the Board of the Senior Health, Wellness and Safety Fair which will be held on October 27th.

Update on W-2, General Relief, and IM Consortium – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer distributed information on W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare, Medicaid, and unemployment. She reported that it is extremely busy in the Economic Support unit and she indicated that W-2 cases require a great deal of case management time due to the clients' numerous employment barriers. Ms. Kellnhofer indicated that the General Relief Program is doing okay financially at this time, but due to the upcoming changes in BadgerCare coverage, there most likely will be more individuals applying for General Relief, especially medical. Sue Hady then directed the Board's attention to a copy of a letter from Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Dennis G. Smith regarding his approach to making extensive reductions in the Medicaid Program for 2011-2013.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer reported that she has been attending weekly meetings of the Northern Consortium for income maintenance. She reported that the meetings also involve the county directors and fiscal agents, and she will be attending the next meeting with Director Hady and Larry Brandl, county accountant. Ms. Kellnhofer discussed she and Ms. Hady felt the call change center should be handled by one or two counties in the consortium for maximum efficiencies.

She also pointed out a copy of an article in the Board packet. This article discussed the unbalanced funding for the Northern Consortium for income maintenance, as the reduction in state funding is now 40% versus the 35% that was reported previously.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There was one contract and one addendum presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Contract</u>			
Care Partners Assisted Living, LLC SPC 506 - CBRF Unit Rates: Level I: \$1820/month (one client) (three months) Level II: \$1958/month (no clients) Level III: \$2094/month (no clients) Contract effective: 10/1/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	Community Options Program, Community Options Program – Waiver Community Integration Program II	\$ 5,460.00

Addendum

COHO, LLC SPC 202.02 – Adult Family Home Unit Rate: \$158/day (24 hr.) (one client)(\$14,694) SPC 103.22 – Respite Care Unit Rate: \$135/day (24 hr.) (one client) (\$945) Effective: 9/30/11	\$ 15,639	Community Integration Program I	\$55,383.00
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A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE LEMKE, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AND ADDENDUM AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF EIGHT AYES, ONE ABSENT (THUMS).

Dave Krug spoke about a resolution that was being presented to the County Board on 10/26/11 from the Finance Committee. This resolution would reverse an earlier decision made by the County Board to have Taylor County ADRC staff be county employees. Mr. Krug spoke out against the proposed resolution, and asked for support at the County Board meeting in order to defeat it.

Ms. Hady expressed concerns about Human Services staff transferring to the ADRC, and then not receiving permission to fill the vacancies at Human Services.

Director’s Report: Under the Director’s Report, Sue Hady spoke about the resolution that was being presented to the County Board next week which would continue the weapons ban in county buildings. Ms. Hady indicated that guns do not belong in the Human Services building because of the high level of risk. She pointed out that people have adverse action taken against them such as removal of a driver’s license or denial of an application for economic support benefits. Ms. Hady pointed out that people with mental illness may present a risk to self or others, and have to be hospitalized directly from the Human Services building. She also indicated that staff have been threatened, on occasion, by angry or agitated people. She asked the Board members to support the resolution at the County Board meeting, which would continue the weapons ban. There was considerable discussion with some Board members voicing their opinion that concealed carry should be allowed in the Human Services building.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at noon in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVE LEMKE, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr and Sue Hady
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

September 14, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at noon.

Members Present: Lori Willner, Rollie Thums, Vicki Duffy, Roger Ewan, Rose Madlon, David Krug, Scott Copenhaver, and Dave Bizer. David Lemke arrived at 12:55 p.m.

Members Absent: None.

Other Attendees: Larry Brandl, Diane Niggemann, Paul Thornton, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the August 10, 2011 meeting and August 10, 2011 Public Hearing: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 10, 2011 MEETING AND THE AUGUST 10, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING. SCOTT COPENHAVER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROLLIE THUMS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: Paul Thornton, Director at Black River Industries (BRI) reported that even though the area waysides will be closed this week, BRI will continue to be very busy with inside work such as the Dept. of Corrections contract for uniform sewing and contracts with other businesses. He invited the Board members to BRI's annual picnic which will be held on October 5, 2011. Mr. Thornton added that he has not yet had a response from Governor Walker, but last week State Senator Pam Galloway came to BRI for a couple of hours.

Update on General Relief, W-2 and Northern IM Consortium – Peggy Kellnhofer: Handouts were provided by Economic Assistance Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer on the W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare, Medicaid programs and unemployment. Eight individuals are participating in the W-2 Program in the month of August. Ms. Kellnhofer explained that the state has developed a Barrier Screening Tool (BST) for the W-2 program. The state requires that the W-2 program staff ask all W-2 clients if they want to participate in this screening tool. She added that this is a helpful tool to determine what types of employment barriers participants have, such as alcohol-related, physical, legal, etc. Next, Ms. Kellnhofer reported that in the General Relief Program shelter costs were quite high for the month of August. This may be due, in part, to the lack of funds of other rental assistance agencies in the county. Sue Hady added that "this is a reflection of the poverty rate in the county and statewide" and that the statewide poverty rate is about 10%, the same as it was in 2008 and 2009. Ms. Kellnhofer reported that in July there had been some county transfers out in FoodShare and Medicaid services, but now more have been coming back in to the county. She also provided the Board with unemployment information from July 2011 that shows Taylor County at 8.0%, compared to 9.3% at the same time last year.

Ms. Kellnhofer then reported on the Income Maintenance consortia involving the FoodShare and BadgerCare programs. She distributed tentative information as of 8/17/11 consisting of counties in 10 consortia. Taylor County is one of 12 counties in the Northern Rural Consortium which currently consists of Bayfield, Iron, Sawyer, Rusk, Price, Forest, Lincoln, Wood, Vilas, Florence, and Ashland. Ms. Kellnhofer stated there will be a case management portion for the consortia and also a call change center which would have 10 workers for the 12 counties and alternating duties for staff. Each worker would have 800 cases for eligibility determination and six-month reviews. If a worker is out of the office another worker would be able to process their case. Ms. Kellnhofer stated she believed that specialization is

important so that workers become proficient at their duties, and that possibly one or more counties could operate the call center while other counties would process applications. Sue Hady reported that the Department of Health Services funding formula for the consortia favors urban counties over rural counties and more funding is needed to operate this program. Unfortunately, the Northern Rural Consortium is underfunded by 35%, and Taylor County is underfunded by 34%, according to Ms. Hady. She concluded by indicating that she is hopeful that the state legislation will look at this issue of underfunding.

Update on Staffing Issues at Human Services Department: Sue Hady distributed an organizational chart of the Human Services Department staff. She reported due to significant reductions in state funding she felt that staff changes would need to be made and met with the Personnel Committee on this issue. She informed the Board that the Clinical Services Coordinator position became vacant when the individual in that position left for other employment. She continued by stating that the Developmental Disabilities Coordinator has assumed the position of the Clinical Services Coordinator and the Long-Term Support Coordinator, while retaining her current duties, has taken on the position of the Developmental Disabilities Coordinator. This will be for a six-month trial period (ending February 2012) at which time either coordinator may return to their former position if we discover they cannot manage the workload. Ms. Hady indicated that if this were to occur, she would ask the Human Services Board to approve filling the vacancy.

Action on Filling Vacancy: As discussed at last month's meeting, a social worker in the Children and Family Services unit had resigned her position. Sue Hady requested that this position be filled but transferred to the Clinical Services unit to work in the Community Support Program (CSP). Currently, there is only one case manager in the Clinical Services unit who works with the chronically mentally ill population. She added that this case manager has almost three times as many clients on her caseload than is recommended by the state. According to Ms. Hady, transitional living and inpatient costs have been very high with this population. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO APPROVE THE CASE MANAGER POSITION AND TRANSFER IT TO THE CLINICAL SERVICES UNIT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Review and Approve Proposed 2012 Budget: Sue Hady presented several handouts including budget summary and comparisons from the years 2008 to 2012, including county levy portions. The proposed 2012 county levy request is \$1,024,077. Ms. Hady presented and reviewed with the Board a county levy comparison from the years 2009 to 2012 and reported the only increase in the county levy for the proposed 2012 budget is for the \$86,000 budget for the newly-created Woodland Health Services Commission. Taylor County joined this commission to allow county residents to be protectively placed at the Clark County Health Care Center. This cost is above the Medicaid reimbursement rate.

Next, she distributed a handout reviewing key areas of the proposed 2012 budget as follows: One of the major concerns continues to be the lack of inflationary increase in Community Aids (CA) funding for well over a decade. Community Aids funding is the only source of non-earmarked revenue that can be used for a myriad of services, some of which include detoxification for alcohol and drug-addicted clients, community services for the mentally ill, inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations (including state mental health institute placements), supportive home care for elderly clients, and child protection. Additionally, Community Aids funding can be utilized for local match to collect federal dollars for services for long-term support and developmentally disabled clients.

The proposed 2012 budget also includes a \$20,419 decrease in the Youth Aids allocation. This decrease, along with the fact that in 2008 the State of Wisconsin increased the annual cost of court-ordered placements at state-juvenile correctional facilities such as Lincoln Hills by 26%, has left no money to pay for even one court-ordered placement at a state-juvenile correctional facility, costing as much as \$105,000 in 2012.

Ms. Hady reported that staff salaries were increased by 2% in the proposed budget, as instructed by county officials to department heads. She explained that the proposed 2012 budget includes an increase for health insurance costs. Management staff is required to pay 5.9% of their salary toward their retirement fund in 2012 due to the Budget Repair Bill passed by the legislature; however, union members will not contribute to their retirement fund in 2012, as union contracts are still in effect. The proposed budget does include the transfer of a full-time social worker position from the Children and Family Services unit to the Clinical Services unit to provide case management to clients of the Community Support Program.

Other areas of the proposed 2012 budget that are underfunded include revenue for placement at an Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) (one person for one year at an IMD is \$100,000), revenue for placement on the geropsychiatric unit at Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI) (one person for one year at MMHI in 2011 is \$372,300), and child caring institutions. There is also insufficient revenue to fund mandated Birth to Three programs. The State of Wisconsin has transferred to counties the responsibility to pay the state's portion of Medicaid funding for Medicaid eligible children and elderly individuals who are placed at the state mental health institutes. Ms. Hady added that in the proposed budget she has included \$118,540 from reserve funds to pay for necessary expenses.

Another major concern is a 34% reduction in the Income Maintenance Administrative (IM) allocation from the state. The past two budgets, 2010 and 2011, also had reductions in IM allocations. These reductions, combined with the 34% reduction for 2012 totals \$98,391. According to Ms. Hady, the state is returning 705 cases to Taylor County from the centralized enrollment center. She added that Taylor County is still expected to pay at least \$73,708 in county levy annually and indefinitely whether or not the county chooses to operate the Income Maintenance Program. Ms. Hady concluded by explaining that she has placed \$68,790 in a "special contingency fund," to be used, if needed, in 2012. After some discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROLLIE THUMS, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET OF \$7,270,890, WITH THE PORTION OF COUNTY LEVY BEING \$1,024,077. THE MOTION ALSO INCLUDED THE USE OF THE SPECIAL CONTINGENCY FUND, IF NEEDED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF NINE AYES.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There were no contracts or addenda.

Resolution Regarding ADRC: David Krug gave a brief overview of the work of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) ad hoc committee which began two years ago. He reiterated that Taylor County had decided to join the ADRC of the Northwoods which consists of the counties of Taylor, Vilas, Oneida, Forest, and the tribes of the Forest County Potawatomi Community, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. Mr. Krug reported that the application has been submitted to the State of Wisconsin and is awaiting approval. Dave Bizer stated that once approved by the State, Taylor County would have to wait 16 months if they decided to opt out of developing an ADRC, which would not be until the end of December 2012. DAVID KRUG MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY ROLLIE THUMS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADRC OF THE NORTHWOODS TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS) FOR OPERATION OF A REGIONAL ADRC. Discussion continued and there was some question on how much representation Taylor County would have on the ADRC Board. Ms. Hady believed that the freeze placed on the Family Care Program by Governor Walker significantly changed the whole concept of developing an ADRC. Sue Hady presented a handout which used statewide demographic and ADRC contact data to indicate that Taylor County could anticipate 16 hours per week of contact time by county residents with ADRC staff. Ms. Hady expressed her opinion that an ADRC, in the absence of Family Care, would not be cost effective and would result in a significant duplication of services. She also presented information showing that based on

the aforementioned data, the hourly cost of contact time with ADRC staff would be \$279 per hour, versus \$42.10 for the same service provided by Human Services staff.

Ms. Hady raised other concerns regarding language in the resolution which she believed was problematic, including the fact that while the ADRC does not require matching funds, it will require in kind funding from Taylor County. She also pointed out the inconsistency between the resolution which states that ADRC staff will not be county employees, versus the application already submitted to the state which indicates the opposite.

Finally, Ms. Hady questioned the ADRC ad hoc committee meeting minutes of July 26, 2011. These minutes omitted information requested for inclusion by Human Services staff including the fact that the guest speaker at that meeting acknowledged that Rusk, Barron, and Washburn counties do provide in kind and voluntary funding for their ADRC, as well as the fact that Human Services already serves all residents with long-term options counseling, without regard to income.

Dave Bizer indicated that in the past the state often provides funding to counties for programs and then either reduces or completely eliminates the funding, leaving the counties to cover all the costs. A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROLLIE THUMS, SECONDED BY DAVID KRUG, TO END THE DISCUSSION. THE MOTION PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE. A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROLLIE THUMS, TO TAKE A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE ADRC OF THE NORTHWOODS RESOLUTION AND FORWARD IT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED WITH A VOTE OF FIVE AYES (MADLON, LEMKE, COPENHAVER, KRUG, THUMS) AND FOUR NAYES (EWAN, DUFFY, WILLNER, BIZER).

Rollie Thums and Lori Willner left at 2:25 p.m.

Director's Report: Sue Hady informed the Board that the Annual Report will be prepared before the end of the year. This has been delayed due to Ms. Hady covering for two vacancies in management positions during 2011.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at noon in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY DAVID LEMKE, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

August 10, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. following the Public Hearing.

Members Present: David Krug, Scott Copenhaver, Rose Madlon, Roger Ewan, David Lemke, Vicki Duffy, Lori Willner, Rollie Thums, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: None.

Other Attendees: Erin Meyer, Judy Troyk, Diane Niggemann, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the July 13, 2011 meeting and Approve Current Agenda: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 13, 2011 MINUTES AND THE CURRENT AGENDA. ROGER EWAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: Judy Troyk encouraged the Board to learn all they can about the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Update on W-2 and General Relief Programs and Income Maintenance Consortia Formation – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer provided members with handouts on the W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare, and Medicaid programs and also unemployment information. As of July, there are nine participants in the W-2 program. Ms. Kellnhofer reported the General Relief costs were up slightly due to costs for a burial. She stated that burials paid for by the General Relief Program are few and far between, as there are strict eligibility guidelines for burials paid for by the county. Ms. Kellnhofer added that there were fewer individuals receiving FoodShare and Medicaid services in the month of June, but the caseloads were up. She also provided the Board with unemployment information as follows: the June unemployment rate for Taylor County was 8.6% (same as May), which is an improvement from a year ago in June 2010 when Taylor County's rate was 9.6%. The national unemployment rate for June 2011 was 9.2%, higher than the State of Wisconsin's rate which was 7.6% for June 2011.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer distributed a chart showing the FoodShare and Medicaid caseload size over a ten year period from June 2001 to June 2011. She pointed out that the cases have significantly increased over the years but there has always been the same number of Economic Support workers processing the cases. This chart also showed that 705 (451 ongoing, 254 pending) cases will be returning to Taylor County from the State's enrollment services center, since the enrollment services center was found to be in non-compliance. These cases had been handled by the State and are the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for adults with no dependent children. She also explained the timeframe for the transition of these cases back to Taylor County.

Ms. Kellnhofer then reported on the Income Maintenance consortia involving the FoodShare and BadgerCare programs that were discussed at last month's meeting. She and Director Hady continue to attend meetings on this issue and at this point believe that it would be beneficial for Taylor County to join the Northern Rural Consortium which currently consists of the counties of Bayfield, Iron, Sawyer, Rusk, Price, Wood, Vilas, Florence, and Ashland. Ms. Kellnhofer explained that this group of counties shares the same philosophies as Taylor County, including the types of funding issues, client concerns are of importance, and similar ideas. Ms. Hady added that the State gives counties the choice to opt out of the program altogether, which could cost more money than staying in the program, as Taylor County

would still have to pay \$73,000. On the other hand, unemployment costs for the five Economic Support Specialists would cost approximately \$100,000, according to Ms. Kellnhofer. She also reported that one of the Economic Support Specialists is considering retiring at the end of the year. If this position becomes vacant, it was suggested that it could be filled depending on the availability of funding. Ms. Hady indicated that when the budget is prepared in September the Board will need to look at the funding and how much county levy is put in Income Maintenance. At this time, Ms. Hady and Ms. Kellnhofer recommended that Taylor County join the Northern Rural Consortium. After some discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROLLIE THUMS TO INVOLVE TAYLOR COUNTY WITH THE NORTHERN RURAL CONSORTIUM. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF NINE AYES.

Discussion Regarding Board Priorities for 2012 Budget: Sue Hady asked the Board members for their input on planning and developing the budget for 2012. She indicated that although so many county residents are in need of services, there is limited funding available. Ms. Hady added that the county is facing a 12% increase in health insurance costs in 2012. Rollie Thums asked that the budget information be sent out prior to the meeting. Sue Hady responded that the Human Services Department has yet to receive their 2012 allocation from the State in order for her to prepare the budget.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There were no contracts or addenda.

Impact of Closing of Wausau Hospital Behavioral Health Unit: Sue Hady provided information in the Board packet informing the Board that effective August 1, 2011 the Aspirus Wausau Hospital inpatient Behavioral Health Services unit will no longer be operating their own inpatient behavioral health unit and has combined with North Central Health Care to provide psychiatric services. She indicated that at one time the State of Wisconsin paid for the cost of Medicaid-eligible inpatient care at psychiatric facilities for 18 to 65 year olds but now these costs have been passed on to the counties.

Rose Madlon left at 3:13 p.m.

Human Services Staffing Issues: Sue Hady reported she will be meeting with the Personnel Committee tomorrow regarding staffing issues at Human Services as one of the management team members has resigned. She indicated that they are looking at possibly having one less management person and exploring more efficient ways to utilize staff positions. Sue Hady added that the Finance Committee has asked department heads to make sacrifices when preparing their budgets for 2012. David Lemke stated that absolute cuts are not always the way to go and each situation should be looked at individually. After some discussion, a motion was made concerning the county overall and directed to the Personnel Committee as follows: DAVID LEMKE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY DAVID KRUG TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION BEFORE ANY REDUCTIONS IN PERSONNEL ARE MADE AND MAKE IT WORK. THE MOTION CARRIED. Sue Hady also reported one of the social workers in the Children and Family Services (CFS) unit has resigned. She indicated that in the next few weeks she would like to explore the possibility of transferring all or part of the CFS position to the mental health unit to assist the Community Support Program (CSP) worker. The CPS worker has a very large caseload and is the only worker who case manages the chronically mentally ill clients. Ms. Hady stated she will report back to the Board with a recommendation on staffing issues.

Director's Report: There was no Director's Report.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at noon in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY ROLLIE THUMS, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD - PUBLIC HEARING
August 10, 2011
Community Center – Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting to Order: The Public Hearing on the 2012 Plan and Budget for the Taylor County Human Services Department was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. The public hearing was called to order by Chairperson Dave Bizer at 1 p.m.

Members Present: Members in attendance were Dave Lemke, Rose Madlon, Scott Copenhaver, David Krug, Vicki Duffy, Rollie Thums, Lori Willner, Roger Ewan, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: None

Human Services staff: Cheryl Ketelhut, Amber Fallos, Sue Hady and Kathy Barr.

Introduction to Public Hearing – Sue Hady, Human Services Director and Dave Bizer, Human Services Board Chair: Chairperson Bizer welcomed the individuals in attendance. Sue Hady also welcomed everyone and asked the Board to introduce themselves. She also introduced the Human Services staff in attendance. Ms. Hady indicated that the public's opinion is extremely important to assist Board members in their decision-making for funding services for county residents. She continued by reporting that Taylor County will experience a 14% reduction in shared revenue from the State of Wisconsin, a loss of slightly less than \$200,000 for 2012. Another area of concern is the 34% reduction in the Income Maintenance allocation for 2012. All of these factors, according to Ms. Hady, present many challenges when preparing a budget for the Human Services Department.

Human Services Conducts Public Hearing for Year 2012 Plan and Budget: Next, Chairperson Bizer read the names of the individuals who indicated they wished to give oral testimony. Those that provided the oral testimony are: Doreen Fierke, Judy Kraft, Cindy, Mark Schiltz, Don, Molly Tomczak, Kris Porter (provided a handout), Kevin Gallistel, Seth Ewoldt, Chris, Bob Mechelke, Tina Clark, Tanya, Brian Long, Dawn Jensen, Marlene Czarnecki, Rhonda, Diane Niggemann, Bruce Ewings, Judy Troyk, and Chad Brost.

The oral testimony provided support for funding for programs such as supportive home care and personal care to assist residents to remain living in their own home, mental health services, aging and disability resource center, shelter programs and services, programs for the developmentally disabled, including services provided by Black River Industries, vocational services, respite care, day services, and family support program services.

Written testimony was received from Rachael Loucks, Executive Director of the Parent Resource Center.

Other individuals who were present, but who did not give oral or written testimony included Lewis Davis, Gail Obschering, John Gallistel, William Fuchs, Erin Meyer, Richard Stewart, Lisa, Sindy Aschbrenner, Ronnie, Gabriel Dyer, Beverly Hamm, Julie, Diane Korinek, Trena Mauer, Mark Long, Clyde Schaefer, Oliver Whitlow, Joanie Ross, and George Tyznik.

Closing Comments – Chairperson Bizer thanked those in attendance for their input, which will be taken into consideration by the Human Services Board during the 2012 budget process.

CHAIRPERSON BIZER ADJOURNED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

July 13, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: Rollie Thums, Lori Willner, Roger Ewan, Vicki Duffy, David Lemke, Rose Madlon, David Krug, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: Scott Copenhaver

Other Attendees: Paul Thornton, Diane Niggemann, Karyn Eckert from *The Star News*, Janice Smith and Sherry Schulke from the Office for Research Center Development, Bob Kellerman of Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc., Peggy Kellnofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the June 8, 2011 meeting: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 8, 2011 MINUTES. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. DAVID KRUG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Introduction of New Board Member: Lori Willner was introduced as a new lay member of the Human Services Board.

Public Input: Black River Industries (BRI) Director Paul Thornton reported that the annual BRI golf tournament was very successful. He also stated that with the assistance of grant money, a new bus should be arriving in the fall. BRI's lawn care service and the uniform sewing contract for the Department of Corrections continue to be busy. Mr. Thornton also asked for additional documents for shredding from Human Services, and reported that there have been problems with Logisticare, the non-emergent medical transportation service provided by the State, as apparently clients are not being picked up from medical appointments. Mr. Thornton concluded by stating that he had invited State Senator Pam Galloway and Governor Scott Walker via State Representative Mary Williams to Black River Industries to make them more aware of issues for the developmentally disabled.

David Krug reported that the Finance Committee, of which he is a member, is scheduled to meet tomorrow, with one of the agenda items being to dissolve the ADRC ad hoc committee. He asked for input from Janice Smith, Sherry Schulke and Bob Kellerman. Ms. Smith stated that there would be no county funding for the ADRC and that the State would provide the funding. She indicated the ADRC is intended to assist people in obtaining the use of local resources. David Krug added that with the possibility of two social workers leaving the Human Services Department to work at the ADRC, the county would most likely not replace those workers due to the county's hiring freeze. Sue Hady asked the State officials about State funding for the ADRC, as the Governor's biennial budget includes an undesignated 466 million dollar reduction in the Medicaid budget with cuts to be made by the Health Services Secretary. Ms. Smith stated that she did not believe financial cuts would be made in the ADRCs, but she did not know where the cuts would be made. Mr. Krug reported that at the last ADRC ad hoc committee meeting he had made a motion to suspend interactions with the Northwoods Planning Consortium until the Family Care Program expansion is lifted, as he did not want to prevent the other counties in the consortium from proceeding with ADRC development. He stated his motion failed by 4-3, and he felt that the committee wanted to move forward with the ADRC. Mr. Krug then stated he would ask the Finance Committee for a two-month extension for the ADRC ad hoc

committee to work with the Northwoods Planning Consortium. Rollie Thums agreed with Mr. Krug and felt that the committee should be given an extra two months and then bring a recommendation to the County Board. A letter of intent for the Taylor County Commission on Aging to develop an ADRC was passed around to the Board. Diane Niggemann stated that the application for an ADRC is prepared to go to the State.

Update on General Relief, W-2 Programs, and consortium planning – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer distributed Information on the W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare and Medicaid programs. As of June, there are ten participants in the W-2 program. The General Relief Program for June shows a projected surplus of \$7,279.17. The FoodShare and Medicaid (processed by Taylor County) numbers continue to vary from month to month. She added that Taylor County's unemployment rate for May was at 8.6%.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer reported on the income maintenance consortia that will be affecting the FoodShare and BadgerCare programs. As discussed at last month's meeting, the Governor's biennial budget mandates that counties form together to form no more than 10 consortia to administer income maintenance programs. She provided handouts to the Board and explained that Taylor County's income maintenance budget will be reduced by 33%, or approximately \$75,000. The State also plans to transfer 240 cases back to Taylor County, for a total caseload of 2,270 (for April). This is due to the Department of Health Services enrollment center being out of compliance. Ms. Kellnhofer told the Board that counties will be required to process and determine eligibility, lobby services, ongoing case management, and supply a call/change center. The State will be responsible for monitoring contracts, administration of the Wisconsin funeral and cemetery aids program, and the design and maintenance of the CARES system (computer software) among other duties. The State and counties are also required to share responsibilities, including subrogation and benefit recovery and identifying/preventing incidents of fraud. Another requirement is that the income maintenance specialists increase their caseloads from 370 to 450 cases per full-time specialist, to 715 cases per full-time specialist. Taylor County has 4.0 full-time employees to process income maintenance benefits at this time, with the State saying that only 3.2 full-time employees are needed. However, with the extra caseload size, the State plan calls for another 1.5 employees for a call/change center, resulting in Taylor County being understaffed by .7. Ms. Kellnhofer expressed her concerns about employee retirements in the future and the effect this will have due to the county's hiring freeze. Another problem, according to Ms. Hady is that the smaller counties, like Taylor, will be affected "most adversely" by the funding formula, as the larger counties have more resources. She indicated that it would be difficult for a group of small counties to join together as there should be at least one fairly large county in the consortia to bring more State funding into the group.

Ms. Hady added that an important factor to consider when joining a consortium will be the amount of county levy contribution. Ms. Kellnhofer also reported to the Board that this IM consortia issue is moving along so quickly that apparently there is no time for a commission to be formed to oversee the process. Ms. Kellnhofer and Ms. Hady will continue to attend meetings on this issue.

Approve 2012 plan for budget and planning process: Sue Hady reported that the Human Services Department is mandated by the State of Wisconsin to involve the public in the planning process of their annual budget. As has been done in the past years, Ms. Hady proposed that the Human Services Board conduct a public hearing. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE 2012 BUDGET BY CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING. VICKI DUFFY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: Four contracts were presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deerview Meadows Assisted Living, LLC SPC 506 - CBRF (Marshfield facility) Unit Rates: Level I: \$1846/month (no clients) Level II: \$1975/month (one client) (\$11,850) Level III: \$2104/month (no clients) Contract effective: 7/1/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	COP, MA Waiver	\$ 11,850.00
Debbie Shevy SPC 110 - Daily Living Skills Training Unit Rate: \$50/per visit (\$1500/yr)(one client) SPC 112 - Interpretation Services (Portal-to-Portal) Unit Rate: \$30/hour (\$120/year) (one client) Portal-to-portal Mileage Unit Rate: \$.44/mile (\$91.52) Contract effective: 7/1/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	COP, MA Waiver	\$ 1,711.52
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare SPC 506 – CBRF Unit Rate: \$120/day (one client) Contract effective: 7/7/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	Community Aids	\$ 21,600.00
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare SPC 704 – Day Treatment Unit Rate: \$33/hour (up to nine hours per week) (one client) Contract effective: 7/7/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	Community Aids	\$ 8,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY DAVID LEMKE, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF EIGHT AYES, ONE ABSENT (COPENHAVER).

Director's Report: There was no Director's Report.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2011 following the 1 p.m. Public Hearing in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI WILLNER, SECONDED BY ROSE MADLON, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
 for
 Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

June 8, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Members Present: Rose Madlon, David Krug, Roger Ewan, David Lemke, Vicki Duffy, Rollie Thums, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: Scott Copenhaver, Lori Willner

Other Attendees: Stacey Rieck, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the May 11, 2011 meeting: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 11, 2011 MINUTES. ROGER EWAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: DAVID KRUG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Introduction of New Board Member: Lori Willner has been appointed as the new Board member, replacing Eugene Roush. She was not in attendance.

Public Input: Black River Industries (BRI) Business Manager Stacey Rieck reported that renovation on the east wall of the BRI building is finished and the day services adult recreation area is being worked on. She continued by stating that BRI has been busy in the production area, lawn care, document shredding, and with orders from the Department of Corrections. Ms. Rieck also reported that BRI is exploring the possibility of contracting with Logisticare to provide transportation services. The 2010 financial audit has been approved and a copy will be forwarded to Sue Hady. She concluded by inviting the Board to the BRI golf outing which will be held on June 24th.

Update on Economic Support, General Relief, and W-2 Programs – Peggy Kellnhofer: Information on the W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare and Medicaid programs was provided to the Board by Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer. As of May, ten individuals are participating in the W-2 program. Although this number has continued to increase, and has doubled since March, the W-2 funding remains at a surplus, according to Ms. Kellnhofer. She reported that there have been three repayments in the GR program for May 2011. The FoodShare program continues to see quite a bit of movement within households and the Medicaid cases are increasing somewhat. Ms. Kellnhofer also provided statewide unemployment information which shows Taylor County at 9.3% for the month of April 2011.

Ms. Kellnhofer informed the Board that she had received information that the State Joint Committee on Finance voted to adopt the regionalization of administering Income Maintenance programs, which include the FoodShare and BadgerCare programs. Counties (with the exception of Milwaukee County) will need to join together to form no more than a 10 county consortia by October 1, 2011. Ms. Kellnhofer had met with counties from the northwestern part of the state but they already have several counties in their consortia. She felt that possibly Taylor County could join the counties of Oneida, Vilas, Forest, Marathon, Wood, Portage, Langlade and Lincoln. Consortia would be required to do call/change center, application processing and eligibility determinations, lobby services, and ongoing case management. Counties would be required to contribute their 2009 local match money for administration of Income Maintenance programs to their respective consortia. Sue Hady added that this removes local government control, as the county levy

amount would not be determined by the county, but rather by the State. Economic Support Specialists would each have approximately 675 cases. On a positive note, Ms. Kellnhofer reported that with the possibility of future retirements in the Economic Support unit, Economic Support Specialists within the consortia could work on each other's cases. She also reported that the federal government has found the Department of Health Services enrollment services center to be out of compliance and they will be required to prepare a corrective action plan. Ms. Kellnhofer indicated that around 275 cases from the central processing center will return to Taylor County (FoodShare and Family Planning Waiver), increasing the caseload by 11%. Ms. Kellnhofer will continue working with the other counties and will keep the Board updated on this issue.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There was one addendum presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Addenda</u>			
Linda Gollhardt Adult Family Home SPC 202.01 – Adult Family Home (1-2 bed) Unit Rate: \$1500/month (one client) Effective: 6/1/11	\$ 10,500.00	Community Integration Program IA	\$30,240.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID LEMKE, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF SEVEN AYES, TWO ABSENT (COPENHAVER, WILLNER).

Update on ADRC planning – Dave Krug: Dave Krug reported that it has been about 21 months since the ADRC ad hoc committee was developed, and in June 2010 a letter of intent was signed for Taylor County to join the Northwoods Consortium which consists of the counties of Vilas, Oneida, Florence, and Forest, along with three tribes. He went on to explain that “things were developing quite well” until an audit was conducted by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, revealing financial problems with the managed care organizations.

The State's freeze on the Family Care expansion has also impacted this process. Mr. Krug reported that on June 2nd the ADRC ad hoc committee had met with the Personnel Committee to seek approval for staffing of the ADRC by two social workers who would be contracted and paid by the Northwoods Consortium. Additionally, if these two social workers were from Human Services the Personnel Committee was then asked to approve filling the vacancies created at Human Services by this move to the ADRC. Mr. Krug reported that the Personnel Committee did not approve forming an ADRC. He indicated that he was disappointed in this decision and believed that the ADRC did have some positives for service coordination. Mr. Krug suggested that some of ADRC ad hoc committee members attend the next Northwoods Consortium meeting to inform the other counties/tribes in the consortia of Taylor County's situation.

Director's Report: Sue Hady pointed out information in the Board packet which showed the number of people served and waiting for Family Care services in each county throughout the state. The number of people on waiting lists is high in Family Care counties, as compared to Taylor County with one person on the wait list. She added that Taylor County residents continue to be served completely through the waiver programs.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center at the Taylor County

Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr

for

Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

May 11, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Copenhaver, Rollie Thums, David Lemke, Vicki Duffy, Roger Ewan, David Krug, Rose Madlon, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: None. Eugene Roush has resigned from the Board.

Other Attendees: Diane Niggemann, Paul Thornton, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the April 13, 2011 meeting: SCOTT COPENHAVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2011 MINUTES. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: SCOTT COPENHAVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. ROGER EWAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Introduction of New Board Member: Sue Hady reported that a new Board member has not yet officially been appointed by Taylor County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Metz.

Public Input: Black River Industries (BRI) Director Paul Thornton told the Board that he had met with representatives from LogistiCare. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is contracting with LogistiCare to provide non-emergent medical transportation management services for Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus recipients. He stated he had concerns regarding the transportation changes for clients on the waiver programs but was told that this transition will not affect the clients on the waiver programs. Mr. Thornton also reported that effective 7/1/11 the State will significantly reduce one of BRI's contracts. He added that the lawn crews will be busy as the area waysides open on 5/26/11 until the middle of September. Mr. Thornton also stated that the Department of Corrections has been providing BRI with a lot of uniform sewing.

Update on W-2 and General Relief Programs and Centralization Proposal – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer provided members with handouts on the W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare, and Medicaid programs and also unemployment information. As of April, there are eight participants in the W-2 program. Four of those are in the W-2T category (numerous employment barriers); three are in the CMC (12-week maternity benefit), and one participant is in the At-Risk Pregnancy category. Ms. Kellnhofer reported there were no applications for the General Relief program for the month of April, and the FoodShare and Medicaid applications are up slightly.

Unemployment rates for March 2011, according to Ms. Kellnhofer, show Taylor County at 10.8%. This is compared to one year ago when the Taylor County unemployment rate was at 14.2%. The Wisconsin unemployment rate for March 2011 was 7.4% and the national rate was 8.8%. Ms. Kellnhofer also shared with the Board a thank you card from client who receives BadgerCare Core benefits. The card thanked an Economic Support Specialist for assisting them in receiving BadgerCare Core services and expressed their concern over the State's plan to centralize the Income Maintenance programs, which would result in the loss of quality services and the "care and concern" that is now provided by local workers.

Ms. Kellnhofer also thanked the County Board members of the Human Services Board who voted at the last County Board meeting for the resolution opposing centralization of Income

Maintenance programs at the State level. This brought about a discussion regarding cost for services. Sue Hady added that the Human Services Department has an annual budget of seven to eight million dollars and approximately 10% of the budget is county funding. According to Ms. Hady, Taylor County is one of the counties that contribute the least amount of money to its human services department.

Sue Hady pointed out an article in the Board packet regarding Governor Walker's budget proposal to privatize the FoodShare program. According to the article from the *Journal Sentinel*, the State could lose millions of federal dollars if this would occur, as the FoodShare program is funded primarily by the federal government (U.S. Department of Agriculture) and public workers need to determine eligibility for these benefits. She also pointed out another article from the *Journal Sentinel* in the Board packet that discussed several areas of concerns by some Republican legislators regarding Gov. Walker's budget proposals, including the proposal to remove eligibility determination from county employees to the State for such programs as BadgerCare Plus.

Ms. Kellnhofer also reported to the Board that she would not pursue requesting a meeting at this time with State Senator Pam Galloway and State Representative Mary Williams due to possible changes that may be made in the Governor's budget proposal.

David Lemke made reference to a letter in the Board packet from Corporation Counsel Ken Schmiege regarding local legislators meeting with Human Services workers and their clients in order to provide education to the legislators about the services provided by the Human Services Department. Mr. Schmiege recommended that this not be done due to legal concerns and privacy issues. Ms. Hady added that she agreed with Mr. Schmiege's recommendation and indicated she wanted to protect the county from liability.

Director's Report: Peggy Kellnhofer stated she had attended the Commission on Aging (COA) committee meeting this morning. The limited-term position at the COA office that currently coordinates the Medicaid Transportation program will end on June 30 as the State will then contract with LogistiCare to provide non-emergency medical transportation for BadgerCare Plus and Medicaid clients. LogistiCare is a private for profit company. Individuals will call a toll-free number to arrange transportation to non-emergent medical appointments. Ms. Kellnhofer reported that the COA committee voted against having the Commission on Aging contract with LogistiCare. Currently, the county is supplementing this underfunded mandated program with county and federal addendum money.

Action on Resolution to Join the Woodland Health Services Commission: Sue Hady read a resolution that had been prepared for Taylor County to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Creating the Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission. The agreement was attached to the resolution. Ms. Hady indicated that currently eight Taylor County residents are protectively placed at the Clark County Health Care Center. The initial membership fee to join the commission is \$5000. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY DAVID LEMKE, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT CREATING THE WOODLAND ENHANCED HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION AND FORWARD IT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF SEVEN AYES, ONE NAY (COPENHAVER).

Update on ADRC ad hoc Committee – Dave Krug: Dave Krug reported that the timeline for Taylor County to submit an application to the State for an ADRC has been delayed and the resolution to be submitted to the County Board has also been put on hold. He indicated that Sherry Schulke, State of Wisconsin Regional Quality Specialist had been helpful in providing information to the ADRC ad hoc Committee. Mr. Krug also reported that the location for an ADRC has not yet been decided, and with the Family Care expansion being placed on hold it is still unknown if the ADRC will be staffed with permanent or limited-term

employees. Mr. Krug commented on and Ms. Hady explained that at a recent ad hoc committee meeting, the group was informed by Ms. Schulke that federal match funds for the elderly benefit specialist's ADRC time could not be claimed by Taylor County based on the current plan for the ADRC. This announcement was unanticipated at this stage of the planning process.

Sue Hady provided a handout from the *Wisconsin Rapids Tribune* which discussed Governor Walker's proposed budget that "puts a freeze on Family Care that would go into effect June 20th. Under this proposal, individuals already on waiting lists or signing up for Family Care after June 20th will have to either wait two years when the freeze ends or when someone leaves the program. She also pointed out information in the Board packet that contained portions of the Family Care Program audit results which was conducted by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Some of the issues the audit revealed were six-digit salaries for the managed care organization executives and problems with five managed care organizations owing money and needing to borrow from their reserve fund. Additionally, three managed care organizations are at risk of insolvency. According to Ms. Hady, when and if Taylor County becomes part of Family Care, the county would be expected to contribute \$176,000 to the program. She stated that until mandated, the Human Services Department will continue to provide services to clients through the waiver programs. Ms. Hady concluded by stating that the waiver programs meet client needs and there are little to no wait lists.

Rollie Thums left at 2:25 p.m.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There was one contract and two addenda presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Contract</u>			
REM Wisconsin Inc. SPC 202.02 – Adult Family Home Unit Rate: \$354.83/day (one client) Contract effective: 5/14/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	CIP IB	\$ 82,675.39
<u>Addenda</u>			
Goodwill Industries of South-Eastern WI, Inc. Extend end date of the contract to 4/30/11 (was 3/31/11)	None	N/A	N/A
North Central Community Services Program of Langlade, Lincoln & Marathon Counties -Crisis stabilization Unit Rate: \$22/hour (5-6 clients) Effective: 5/11/11	\$11,250.00	Certified Mental Health Program	\$ 36,250.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY DAVID LEMKE, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AND ADDENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF SEVEN AYES, ONE ABSENT (THUMS).

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROSE MADLON, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

April 13, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Members Present: Vicki Duffy, David Krug, Rose Madlon, Roger Ewan, David Lemke, Eugene Roush, Rollie Thums, and Dave Bizer. Scott Copenhaver arrived a few minutes late.

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Larry Brandl, Paul Thornton, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Review and Approve Minutes from the March 9, 2011 meeting: DAVID KRUG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2011 MINUTES. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. ROLLIE THUMS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: Paul Thornton, Director of Black River Industries (BRI) briefly discussed the non-emergent Medicaid transportation program. Currently, this program is coordinated through the Taylor County Commission on Aging office; however, beginning in July 2011 LogistiCare will be providing transportation to medical appointments for individuals covered by Medicaid. Individuals will be provided with a toll-free number to arrange this transportation. Mr. Thornton indicated he has been unable to reach LogistiCare and he expressed his concerns about transportation issues for sheltered workshops like BRI.

Review 2010 End-of-Year Budget Status: County Accountant Larry Brandl presented the Board with 2010 end-of-year financial information for the Human Services Department. He also distributed budget information from 2009. Mr. Brandl reported that for 2010 the Human Services Department showed a deficit of \$133,023.48 as compared to a surplus of \$400,791.25 in 2009. However, when the fund balance is applied for 2010, this deficit significantly lowered to \$1,695.48.

He reviewed expenses and revenues with the Board and explained areas where the budget was overspent. Mr. Brandl stated that the Mental Health budget was overspent by approximately \$168,000, due primarily to Chapter 51 inpatient costs, transitional living, and court-ordered placements at the state institutes. The Alcohol Treatment budget was overspent by about \$15,000, due to more inpatient placements and higher treatment costs. High costs for foster care and child caring institutional placements impacted the Children, Youth & Families budget, causing a deficit of over \$99,000. Actual costs in the Long-Term Support budget were approximately \$179,000 more in 2010 than 2009, due to the cost of the programs that clients are placed into depending upon level of care. The Long-Term Support budget still came in under-budget, according to Mr. Brandl. He continued by explaining that the Youth Aids budget was also overspent by \$74,500 due to costly placements in the areas of corrections and group home. Mr. Brandl also told the Board that the Developmental Disabilities, Economic Assistance, and Administration budgets were under-spent. On the revenue portion of the budget he pointed out that the state mental health institute collections were about \$149,000 in 2009, as compared to approximately \$45,000 in 2010. Mr. Brandl continued by stating that the efforts have been good in the billing department for the revenue for care of clients, or direct billing for outpatient services. Sue Hady added that in several areas of the budget there is just not enough revenue to cover high cost placements, such as in mental health inpatient detention and commitments,

where revenues were \$40,000, compared to actual costs which totaled \$206,915. She also pointed out that in 2010 the Human Services Board had reduced the proposed foster care budget by \$30,862, with \$77,511 remaining in that budget to cover costs. According to Ms. Hady, there was not enough money to cover actual costs, which totaled \$151,741. Mr. Brandl indicated that the 2010 end-of-year budget status was surprisingly better than what he had anticipated. He gave credit to the decisions made by Sue Hady and the Board.

Sue Hady informed the Board that last year Taylor County departments implemented the new print management system through a contract with E.O. Johnson. According to Ms. Hady, since this time printing and copy costs for the Human Services Department have increased over \$5000 from 2009 to 2010. This amount is expected to almost triple in 2011, based on anticipated charges of over \$14,000 (compared to \$5056 in 2009). Mr. Bizer replied that it costs all county departments three cents per page to print with this system, and he believed costs had gone down from what the county was previously paying overall.

Update on W-2 and General Relief Programs – Peggy Kellnhofer: Peggy Kellnhofer distributed information on the W-2, General Relief (GR), FoodShare and Medicaid programs. The month of March saw five individuals participating in the W-2 program, with possibly the addition of two more individuals being added to the W-2 program, according to Ms. Kellnhofer. She also informed the Board that the State has extended the W-2 contract for another year, to December 31, 2012. Ms. Kellnhofer indicated that General Relief costs are up slightly, with most of the money being paid for in shelter costs. The FoodShare and Medicaid programs remain about the same as last month's information.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer gave unemployment rate information both nationally and statewide. In February 2011, Taylor County had an unemployment rate of 11.4%, which is lower than at the same time one year ago when it was at 14.9%. She added that in January 2011 the county's rate was at 10.8%. Ms. Kellnhofer also presented a national map showing unemployment rates for all of the United States.

Review/act upon W-2 Steering Committee recommendation: Information from the Wisconsin Counties Association was distributed, which discussed the Income Maintenance centralization that is being proposed under Governor Walker's Budget Bill. This proposal would end eligibility determination for FoodShare and Medicaid programs by county workers and place it at the state level. Counties would still have to pay for this centralization, to a tune of approximately 26 million dollars, which would be deducted from the Community Aids allocation that counties receive. This amount is based on the amount of county levy in the program in 2009. According to Ms. Hady, the State's way of obtaining the money through the Community Aids allocation will adversely affect funding for mental health, alcohol and other drug, and developmental disability services. The Taylor County W-2 Community Steering Committee had made a recommendation during their March 17, 2011 meeting as follows: "A motion was made by Kathy Danen, seconded by Kris O'Leary to have a joint meeting with the legislators, Human Services, Commission on Aging and other County Boards on what the proposed cuts would do to clients in Taylor County. This should be done at the earliest possible date. The motion carried unanimously." A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROLLIE THUMS, SECONDED BY DAVID KRUG, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE W-2 STEERING COMMITTEE AND CONTACT REP. WILLIAMS AND REP. GALLOWAY, ALONG WITH OTHERS LISTED TO SET UP A MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED. There was some discussion on the format of the meeting and the importance of how this will affect Taylor County residents. David Lemke indicated that Representatives Williams and Galloway should come to the Human Services Department and see how the Income Maintenance programs are administered as this would give them a better understanding of what the Income Maintenance workers do. Sue Hady stated that due to HIPAA regulations this would have to be reviewed with Taylor County Corporation Counsel.

Review/act upon state budget proposal to centralize income maintenance programs: Sue Hady pointed out that in the Board packet there were resolutions from two counties opposing the initiative in the Governor's Budget that removes Income Maintenance Administration from counties and forms a statewide centralized Income Maintenance unit. After some discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO CREATE A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THE LANGLADE COUNTY RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CENTRALIZATION OF INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AT THE STATE LEVEL AND THEN FORWARD IT TO THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THEIR MEETING ON APRIL 19, 2011. A VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED, WITH ONE NAY (COPENHAVER). Mr. Copenhaver indicated that he was not comfortable signing his name on something that he had not read. Due to time constraints, it was decided that Chairperson Bizer would sign the resolution on behalf of the Human Services Board.

Rollie Thums left at 2:25 p.m.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: Two contracts and one addendum were presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Contracts</u>			
Stepping Stones Shelter, Inc. Prevention Services (Abuse/Neglect) Unit Rate: \$3100/year Contract effective: 4/1/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	Community Aids	\$ 3,100.00
New Visions Treatment Homes of Wisconsin, Inc. SPC 604 – Case Management Unit Rate: \$1205/month (one client) Contract effective: 3/14/11 to 12/31/11	N/A	Youth Aids	\$11,700.00
<u>Addendum</u>			
Laura Neubauer Adult Family Home SPC 103.22 – Respite Care Unit Rate: \$75/day (24 hr/day) (one client) Effective: 3/1/11	\$500.00	CIP IB local match	\$24,980.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID LEMKE, SECONDED BY SCOTT COPENHAVER, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS AND ADDENDUM AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF EIGHT AYES, ONE ABSENT (THUMS).

Update on ADRC ad hoc committee – Dave Krug: Dave Krug reported that counties from the Northwoods Consortium will be meeting in Medford on March 31st. He indicated that Florence County is still in the Northwoods Consortium but county board supervisors did not want to sign the resolution without seeing it first. Mr. Krug stated the ADRC ad hoc committee would still like to move forward, but is not yet ready to submit a resolution to the County Board. He did report that after all the budgets have been submitted by the counties and tribes in the Northwoods Consortium, they are over-budget by approximately \$80,000. Mr. Krug stated the committee discussed ways to lower this deficit, such as reducing the number of supervisors and the office space/rental. The committee believed the Intake and Assessment area should be maintained, along with retaining the disability specialist. Lastly, Mr. Krug reported the fiscal audit on Family Care is still being conducted by the Legislative Audit Bureau.

Update on Clark County Health Care Center proposal – Dave Bizer: Dave Bizer reported that he, along with David Krug, Rollie Thums, and Sue Hady had attended the last meeting held at the Clark County Health Care Center. Mr. Bizer stated that it would be advantageous for Taylor County to join the commission in the beginning, as there would be beds available for residents of the counties who joined early. He also informed members that the next meeting is scheduled for April 25th.

Director’s Report: Dave Bizer suggested that Director Hady give Rep. Mary Williams a copy of the list of mandates that the Human Services Department must adhere to.

Next Committee Meeting: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROSE MADLON, SECONDED BY VICKI DUFFY, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

March 9, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: David Krug, David Lemke, Rollie Thums, Roger Ewan, Eugene Roush, Rose Madlon, Vicki Duffy, Scott Copenhaver, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Karyn Eckert of *The Star News*, Diane Niggemann, Paul Thornton, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Approve Minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9, 2011 MINUTES. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. SCOTT COPENHAVER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: Paul Thornton, Black River Industries (BRI) Director stated BRI has been busy this winter, receiving work from area companies and also busy with document shredding. He reported there has been some water leakage in a wall at BRI, which will be repaired in April. Mr. Thornton indicated that the State of Wisconsin is expected to take over the Medicaid Transportation Program (non-emergency medical transportation) beginning July 1, 2011. There are still many unknowns about this transition and how it will affect volunteer drivers, wait time, choice of medical providers, etc. He stated he and Commission on Aging Director Diane Niggemann will be attending public hearings on this issue. Mr. Thornton also discussed the State use contracts, and also the lack of referrals from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

Update on General Relief and W-2 Programs – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer provided handouts on the Wisconsin Works (W-2) and General Relief (GR) Programs. In January, the W-2 program had two paid participants in the program. The GR program shows a projected surplus of \$2,937 through February. There were 984 FoodShare cases and 1593 Medicaid cases for January that were determined eligible by county Economic Support Specialists.

Ms. Kellnhofer also provided the Board with a handout regarding Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill to privatize assistance programs. She added that Governor Walker wants to centralize in Madison the processing of Medicaid and FoodShare applications, thereby eliminating county Economic Support Specialists (ESS) positions, who currently determine Medicaid and FoodShare eligibility at the county level. Ms. Kellnhofer expressed her concerns regarding this plan and stated that "Taylor County serves the whole person," and that the quality of services will suffer if this is transferred to the State. She gave examples of the type of cases Economic Support Specialists handle on a daily basis, such as individuals who are in crisis without food or medical care. Ms. Kellnhofer provided letters from Human Services staff supporting the importance of eligibility determination by county Economic Support Specialists. She also discussed the state's timeline for these program changes and believed people should be made aware of how this will affect them. Other programs which would remain with the county are the W-2 program, child care, fuel assistance and General Relief. Sue Hady added that "advocating for people becomes lost when the bottom line is profits." David Krug commented that the budget problems at the State level did not happen overnight, and although changes need to be made, they should

be done at a more gradual pace.

Update on Proposal to form an Intergovernmental Commission with Clark County:

Dave Bizer discussed the meeting that he and others had attended at Clark County regarding the forming of an intergovernmental commission with Clark County. He explained that Taylor County and other nearby counties have residents, most of them who are protectively placed, at the Clark County Health Care Center. Medicaid covers most of this cost except for \$40 per day, which is currently being paid for by Clark County. Clark County has indicated that they cannot continue to absorb these costs and is in the process of forming an intergovernmental commission with those counties involved to develop admittance policies and procedures. Mr. Bizer added that there will be another meeting on this issue sometime later this month.

Update on State budget bill and impact on ADRC planning, Family Care, Medicaid, etc.:

Sue Hady also distributed a handout regarding the Governor's Budget Repair Bill and how it will impact farmers who currently receive BadgerCare. She indicated that under this bill, 55,000 individuals with incomes above 133% of the federal poverty level are likely to lose BadgerCare coverage. Approximately 4,438, or 22%, of Taylor County residents are on some form of Medicaid, according to Ms. Hady. Others significantly affected will be the 859 residents on SeniorCare, who will see their prescription costs substantially increase, and Family Care participants, where \$110 million dollars is being cut from the program, which will essentially "freeze" the Family Care program expansion and eliminate new enrollment. Family Care would no longer be an entitlement program. Mr. Walker's bill also eliminates family planning services for men and decreases payments for individuals with end-stage renal disease.

Sue Hady indicated that Mr. Walker's Budget Repair Bill will amount to an average 24% cut in shared revenue for counties, yet no state or federal mandates that counties are required to follow are being rescinded except recycling.

Sue Hady reported on a provision in Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill that calls for the Department of Health Services, headed up by Secretary Dennis Smith, to review the State's Medicaid Plan and present any changes to the federal government. She explained that Mr. Smith indicated in an article he co-wrote for the Heritage Foundation that he believes states would be better off financially by eliminating the Medicaid program. According to Ms. Hady, this lets the Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary to "re-write" the Medicaid program and allows the responsibility of Medicaid rules to be shifted from the legislature to the DHS Secretary. Ms. Hady concluded by stating that Representative Mary Williams voted in favor of the Governor's Budget Repair Bill.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There were no contracts or addenda.

Director's Report: There was no Director's Report.

Dave Bizer asked Sue Hady to thank Deputy Director Craig Alwin for his part in helping to secure \$2,943 in Youth Aids Emergency Funds for Taylor County for 2010.

David Krug reported on the progress of the ADRC ad hoc committee. Due to the Governor's Budget Repair Bill the committee has decided to "slow down" and not submit a resolution to the County Board in April. The Budget Repair Bill has put a hold on the Family Care Program expansion and the managed care organizations are not accepting new clients. Mr. Krug added that the meeting that had been planned for managed care organizations with the ADRC committee has been canceled. He also reported that Florence County has decided to withdraw from the agreement with the ADRC of the Northwoods, leaving three tribes and four counties (including Taylor) in the planning group. Sue Hady added that an audit is being conducted on the Family Care program by the Legislative Audit Bureau and

the outcome of this is still unknown.

Next Committee Meeting: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY ROSE MADLON, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

February 9, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairperson Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Members Present: Vicki Duffy, David Krug, Rose Madlon, Eugene Roush, David Lemke, Roger Ewan, and Dave Bizer. Scott Copenhaver arrived a few minutes late.

Members Absent: Rollie Thums

Other Attendees: Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting: DAVID KRUG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 19, 2011 MINUTES. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Public Input: There was no public input.

Update on W-2 and General Relief Programs – Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Coordinator Peggy Kellnhofer provided members with information on the W-2, General Relief (GR), and BadgerCare Plus programs and local unemployment rates. Currently, 14 individuals are being assisted by the General Relief Program, according to Ms. Kellnhofer. In January, the GR Program paid for one individual's Family Health Center premium, however; most of the General Relief funding is going toward shelter costs. Ms. Kellnhofer also indicated that the General Relief Program is a repayment program, and if a General Relief client is awarded Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or any other type of income they are billed and expected to repay their General Relief benefits.

Local unemployment rates for December 2010, according to Ms. Kellnhofer, show Taylor County at 9%, which places the county as the 17th highest in the state. This is compared to one year ago when the Taylor County unemployment rate was at 11.3%.

Ms. Kellnhofer gave the Board information on the Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program (WFCAP) which assists eligible individuals with funeral costs. This program can pay up to \$1500 for a funeral and \$1,000 for cemetery costs. She reported that in 2010, nine individuals were helped by this State-funded program for a cost of \$22,240. In order to qualify for this assistance, individuals must receive public assistance, such as SSI, waiver funding, etc.

Next, Ms. Kellnhofer presented information on the federal poverty level limits for the BadgerCare Plus Program and the Taylor County caseload numbers for FoodShare and Medicaid. In December of 2000, there were 245 FoodShare cases; in December 2005, there were 484, and in December of 2010 the number of FoodShare cases was at 974. In December of 2000, there were 848 Medicaid cases compared to 1,590 cases for December 2010, according to Ms. Kellnhofer.

Ms. Kellnhofer reported that the Economic Support Specialists continue to accumulate compensatory time in order to complete their job duties. Compensatory time was last paid out on September 30, 2010 and, according to Ms. Kellnhofer, as of February 3, 2011, the Economic Support Specialists have accumulated 196 hours of compensatory time. There was discussion regarding whether it would be more cost effective to hire a part-time person

versus paying out the compensatory time, or possibly having another county employee help out in the Economic Support unit. Ms. Kellnhofer explained that the Economic Support Specialists have a 12-week training period and obtaining assistance from another county employee would not be an option. She stated that last year the overtime was paid out with federal stimulus money, and this year there is no such money to cover this cost. Sue Hady added that if the Economic Support Specialists worked a 37 ½ hour work week this would most likely alleviate the compensatory time issue, but there is no funding for this either. Ms. Kellnhofer also informed the Board that one of the Economic Support Specialists is planning to retire this fall and she expressed concern about the workload.

Action on Contracts and Addenda: There were eight 2010 contract addenda presented for approval.

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lifenet Supportive Services, LLC SPC 104 – Supportive Home Care SPC 110 – Daily Living Skills SPC 103 – Respite Care Unit Rate: \$16.60/hr. SPC 107 – Transportation Unit Rate: \$.46/mile SPC 104.22 – Skilled Nursing Visits Unit Rate: \$44.13/hr.	\$108,213.62	MA Waiver Elder abuse funds Alzheimer’s funds County	\$208,213.62
Deerview Meadows Assisted Living, LLC SPC 506 – CBRF Unit Rates: \$1827 to \$2083/month depending on level	\$16,492.95	COP-W CIP II	\$157,252.95
KSMS Our House, LLC SPC 506 – CBRF Unit Rates: \$1809 to \$2062/month depending on level	\$1,416.00	CIP II COP-W	\$19,596.00
Clark County Health Care Center SPC 102 – Adult Day Care Unit Rate: \$17.07/hr. (increase in use due to additional clients)	\$900.00	CIP IB/COP	\$6,670.00
COHO, LLC SPC 202.02 – Adult Family Home Unit Rate: \$2062/month (three clients) (increase in use due to additional clients)	\$15,000.00	CIP II nursing home diversion CIP II nursing home relocation	\$54,744.00

REACH, Inc. SPC 108 – Pre-vocational Services SPC 706.10 – Day Services Unit Rate: \$11.82/hr.	\$ 6,300.00	CIP IA	\$13,065.00
Choices to Change SPC 204 – Group Home Unit Rate: \$190.30/day (two clients)	\$4,188.00	Youth Aids	\$39,393.00
Rawhide, Inc. SPC 504 – Residential Care Unit Rate: \$260.39/day (one client)	\$260.00	Youth Aids	\$6,510.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO APPROVE THE 2010 CONTRACT ADDENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF EIGHT AYES, ONE ABSENT (THUMS).

Review/Approve Resolution Concerning Russ Blennert: Dave Bizer read a resolution that had been prepared expressing appreciation to Russ Blennert for his years of service to Taylor County. Mr. Blennert retired from the Human Services Department in December 2010. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID LEMKE, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND FORWARD IT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Director's Report: Sue Hady pointed out to members a copy of a draft agreement for the ADRC of the Northwoods located in the Board packet. The ADRC ad hoc committee will review the agreement and make a recommendation to the Human Services Board on whether or not to support a resolution. If a resolution is supported, action on the resolution would be taken at the Human Services Board's April meeting and at the full County Board meeting on April 19th. Dave Krug reported that the ADRC ad hoc committee felt the Multi-Purpose building would be the best location for the ADRC; however, this may not be feasible due to much work that would need to be done with the electrical and air handling systems.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER EWAN, SECONDED BY VICKI DUFFY, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy Barr
for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

TAYLOR COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

January 19, 2011

Community Center - Taylor County Fairgrounds

Call Meeting To Order: Chairman Dave Bizer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present: Rose Madlon, Roger Ewan, Rollie Thums, David Lemke, Vicki Duffy, David Krug, Scott Copenhaver, and Dave Bizer.

Members Absent: Eugene Roush had an excused absence.

Other Attendees: Lester Lewis, Stacey Rieck, Peggy Kellnhofer, Sue Hady, and Kathy Barr.

Approve Minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting: ROGER EWAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 2010 MINUTES. DAVID LEMKE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Current Agenda: ROLLIE THUMS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SCOTT COPENHAVER. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Bizer called for a voice vote from members to move agenda item #7 (Clark County proposal) before agenda items #5 and #6. The vote was unanimous.

Public Input: Black River Industries (BRI) Business Manager Stacey Rieck indicated that Director Paul Thornton is back at work part-time. She indicated that the client satisfaction survey that was recently completed at BRI will be reviewed by the BRI Board and then shared with the Human Services Developmental Disabilities Coordinator. Ms. Rieck stated that there have not been any referrals from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), which also appears to be the trend statewide.

Discussion Concerning Clark County's Proposal to Create an Intergovernmental Commission to Serve Residents from Other Counties: Chairman Bizer explained that Taylor County, as well as other area counties, have individuals placed at the Clark County Health Care Center. Currently, Taylor County has 13 residents, eight of whom are protectively placed by a court order at the Clark County Health Care Center. Medicaid covers only a portion of the cost of care for these clients, and Clark County has been paying the balance of this cost, which is approximately \$40 a day for each client. Clark County has decided they cannot continue to absorb these costs due primarily to the state's property tax freeze. In order to help alleviate these costs, Clark County has proposed the creation of the Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission. This commission would charge a \$5,000 initial membership fee that would allow out-of-county residents to reside at the Clark County Health Care Center. Mr. Bizer added that if Taylor County was a part of this commission they would have more control with setting up rules and guidelines, particularly concerning the admissions policy. He indicated that he, along with other county board members and Human Services staff recently attended a meeting at the Clark County Health Care Center regarding this issue. Mr. Lewis also stated that if Taylor County was not a member of this commission Clark County Health Care Center would not have to accept or keep Taylor County residents. Sue Hady explained to the Board the process for protective placement and that the individuals who are protectively placed suffer from a degenerative brain disorder, a severe and persistent mental illness, a developmental disability, or similar incapacitation.

Ms. Hady and Mr. Lewis reported that two other facilities in the state, one in Dodge County and one in La Crosse, also have similar commissions. Ms. Hady indicated that if Taylor County would join the Woodland Enhanced Health Services Commission, the Human Services Board would need to approve a resolution which would then be forwarded to the full County Board with a draft commission agreement. This agreement is currently being reviewed by Taylor County Corporation Counsel. Ms. Hady also told the Board that if Taylor County chose not to be part of the commission, the eight individuals who are protectively placed would have to be moved to other facilities, such as Mendota Mental Health Institute, which costs approximately \$1,000 per day. She indicated that the Clark County Health Care Center has locked units, unlike the nursing homes in Taylor County, and that these individuals who are protectively placed are at high levels of care. She added that there are also five other Taylor County residents who are not protectively placed residing at the Clark County Health Care Center. These placements would have to be funded by Taylor County. Mr. Lewis told the Board that if Taylor County were to join the commission that he was informed that Taylor County would not begin paying for these costs until January 2012. It was also pointed out that each county in the commission would be represented by a county board member appointed by the county board chair. Mr. Lewis felt the Board should move forward with joining the commission. He did add, however, that there should be contract language giving Taylor County Human Services the "final say" on which Taylor County residents would be admitted to Clark County Health Care Center. David Lemke disagreed, stating that members of the commission should not have more authority than the client's physician. Mr. Lewis indicated that he felt Human Services has the expertise in this area and could make a decision on this. Board members then requested that a resolution be prepared for the March meeting of the Human Services Board. After much discussion, A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE WOODLAND ENHANCED HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Update on W-2 and General Relief Programs - Peggy Kellnhofer: Economic Support Supervisor Peggy Kellnhofer presented the Board with several handouts. As of December, the W-2 Program has two participants. The W-2 Program has a two-year contract (2010-2011) and has a benefit allocation of \$81,284. Ms. Kellnhofer reported that as of December the General Relief (GR) Program shows a projected surplus of \$6,345.37. She pointed out, however, that there are still some outstanding bills which may affect the surplus.

Ms. Kellnhofer presented information on the number of FoodShare and Medicaid cases, which continue to increase. She also gave unemployment rates for November 2010. Taylor County's unemployment rate was at 8.4%; however, one year ago the county's rate was 9.6%. This compares to 7.6% for the State of Wisconsin, and 9.8% for the national rate during November.

Review and Approve Contracts and Addenda: The Board reviewed a comparison list of the 2010 and 2011 contracts and also a list of 2010 Purchase of Services contract addenda. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID LEMKE, SECONDED BY SCOTT COPENHAVER, TO APPROVE THE 2011 CONTRACTS AND 2010 CONTRACT ADDENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF EIGHT AYES, ONE ABSENT (ROUSH).

Review and Approve Director's Expense Summary: The Board reviewed Director Hady's Expense Summary from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$85.51. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID KRUG, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO APPROVE THE DIRECTOR'S EXPENSE SUMMARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85.51. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Director's Report: David Krug reported on the progress of the aging and disability resource center (ADRC) ad hoc committee. He indicated that he and Human Services staff recently attended a meeting for the ADRC of the Northwoods Planning Group. Taylor County's budget has been submitted for an ADRC and along with the other counties in the Northwoods Planning Group the budget is over by an amount of approximately \$111,000. Mr. Krug pointed out that he didn't feel county money should be used for the ADRC, and it had been suggested that in-kind services could be used instead, for example, the county could offer the cost of space for an ADRC. Mr. Krug added that in March of 2012 it is anticipated that the five-county consortium will begin with the ADRC's, beginning with one county, until all five counties are involved. According to Mr. Krug, Taylor County has expressed interest in being the last of the five counties participating, which is expected to be in the fall of 2012. He also reported that the managed care organizations (MCO's) will follow in approximately 60 days after the start of the ADRCs. Additionally, there is a meeting scheduled for March 7th in Rhinelander where MCO's have been invited to speak with Northwood ADRC members. There was also some discussion on how phone calls will be handled at the ADRC.

Next Committee Meeting: The next Human Services Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROLLIE THUMS, SECONDED BY ROGER EWAN, TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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for
Rose Madlon, Secretary

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