



**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**JULY 15, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Marilyn Jensen; Jennifer Bishop, Nancy Lannert, Lynda Olson, Louis Peer and Bridget Rolek

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice Chair, Cheryl Drozdowicz; Harriet Kubiak and Marilyn McClendon

**STAFF PRESENT**

LuAnn Kane, Director; Joanne Jones, Financial Office Manager; Connie Martin, Staff Assistant to the Director

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Jen Patridge from Catholic Charities

**CITIZENS SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED ON A MOTION BY LOUIS PEER, SECONDED BY LYNDA OLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2009 WERE APPROVED, AS AMENDED, ON A MOTION BY BRIDGET ROLEK, SECONDED BY JENNIFER BISHOP. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF AN ADJUSTED AMOUNT OF \$295,669.72 WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY NANCY LANNERT, SECONDED BY LYNDA OLSON. MOTION CARRIED.

The adjustment was for an adult family home provider under line item 62604. The reduction was in the amount of \$500. This decrease in care rate was due to a new resident moving into the home whose care rate was decreased.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS/ADDENDUMS,**  
NONE

**ENCUMBRANCES AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**  
NONE

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

**A. REPORT ON BOARD ACTIVITIES**

**B. SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT – ATTENDANCE CONVENTIONS**

Ms. Kane discussed the Adult Family Home training coming up that will cover confidentiality, privacy, etc. There is no cost to those who attend.

The last 2-½ weeks has been spent on budget preparations, which is due August 5, 2009. Completion of this year's budget is a complex process.

The State CIP managers have issued new waiver guidelines. These guidelines relate to “standardizing” county wait lists throughout the State. The DD Board appears to be in compliance with the newly issued guidelines.

Ms. Nancy Gibney will be retiring on September 8, 2009, Connie Martin to retire December 4, 2009.

The Second Annual Family Support Program “Kickball Tournament” will be held at Footville Elementary School, 121 Janesville Street, Footville, WI at 5:30 on August 12, 2009. The tournament will feature a carnival, kickball tournament, and an awards ceremony. There will be 1:1 aides available, sensory & downtime areas, and a picnic dinner. This event is sponsored by Catholic Charities, Best Events Catering, Rollin Street Apparel and the Parkview School District. For additional information contact Darcy at 752-4993.

**BOARD MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD**  
NONE

**ADDITIONAL CITIZENS SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD**  
NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The DD Board has received 3 “Thank You” Cards; 2 from families who were able to appreciate time away thru the Family Respite Program, and one from the YWCA for the donation of helmets to their “Bowl-A-Thon.

Also, one letter was received thanking Ms. Kane for her concern and empathy and continued support for the work towards giving the lives of people with disabilities more equality in the community in which they reside.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Rock County Health Care Center Classroom at 6:30 P.M.**

**Board Members are reminded to call Connie Martin at 757-5051 or Ms Kane at 757-5050 if unable to attend the meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Nancy Lannert, seconded by Bridge Rolek at 6:18 P.M. The Public Hearing to follow at 6:30 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Martin, Staff Assistant**

**NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

**THE ROCK COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD'S PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32 P.M. BY CHAIR JENSEN.**

**BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES TO ATTENDANTS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

**Chairperson Jensen introduced the following County Board Members: Russell Podzilni, and Billy Bob Grahn.**

**The following were speaker's comments:**

**Jelaine Olson:**

**Ms. Olson from Edgerton School District a teacher of deaf and hard of hearing spoke of a wonderful child who communicates through signing. This individual has been attending Riverfront where peers sign and staff are taking classes to learn to sign. Riverfront has been a good match for this young person, but now must be transferred to Catholic Charities Community Connections. This speaker is concerned about moving a person that was a "good match" where she was a "fully engaged" and now must attend a different day program.**

**Jane DeSoto:**

**Is a parent of a man who receives many of the services offered by the Rock County DD Board. She stated earlier this spring she sent a letter to Ms. Kane and Gary Bersell, Director of Kandu concerning the soda pop and unhealthy food snacks obtained by Kandu workers in the vending machines, she also requested that the soda pop be removed and healthier food choices be made available to everyone.**

**Her concern for the above is the lack of Medicaid dental services in Rock County and around the State. She has started a letter writing campaign to promote the following goal: "Increased access to oral health care must be included in the provision of Wisconsin's reforms in health care, and must be a critical component in the Wisconsin Medicaid Program. According to Ms. DeSoto calls have been made to dentist in Rock County and the Madison and Milwaukee areas regarding dental visits. Ms. DeSoto stated that some of the responses have been: "we won't even put your name on a waiting lists, some say their waiting lists range anywhere from a 6 to 24 months", "we give the person dentures then we don't have to see them again".**

**Ms. DeSoto said now is the time try to pass a bill that was defeated in 2007, the WI Dental Assoc. promoted a bill called "Two cents for tooth cents". This bill recommended that a 2-cent tax on each soda pop sold be used for Medicaid Dental services. The rationale for taxing soda was the devastating effect of the sugar and acid in pop on tooth enamel. "Ms. DeSoto encouraged everyone "now is the time to call Governor Doyle and your state legislators to support this bill."**

**Gary Bersell:**

**Thanked the DD Board for their past and current support. In the 1980's 80% of their funding came from the DD Board, now they receive 37%. Mr. Bersell noted that in the past Kandu received funding from United Way, that funding has decreased by 25%.**

**Currently Kandu has obtained a state certification as a License Day Care facility for adults; their Memory Care Program. In 2009 they are starting a community employment service.**

**Mr. Bersell extended his thanks the DD Board, Rock County Board of Supervisors, Ms.LuAnn Kane and Ms. Jennifer Anselmi.**

**Anna Fuller:**

**Ms. Fuller stated she's been grateful for the DD Board support in the past and the future.**

**The 0-3 Department is facing significant challenges this year. Budget is more and more difficult and consumers get less. When budgets are scaled back it affects children's future. The 0-3 program is a mandated no waiting list program.**

**Sue Lethlean:**

**Ms. Lethlean is from Rehab Resources. Ms Lethlean stated they are the counter part of the 0-3 TLC Program.**

**Mr. Lethlean thanked the DD Board for the funding in the past 10 years. They continue to look for new funding sources. The greatest expense is travel (mileage) since the therapist must travel to the natural home environment to provide services.**

**Ms. Lethlean stated that Rehab Resources strives for quality and services provided in an efficient and professional manner in Rock County.**

**Sandy Heidecker:**

**Ms. Heidecker stated she works with adults with disabilities with Cerebral Palsy. She commented that caffeine also interacts with medications.**

**Consumers are worried regarding the budget, that there will not be enough money to do what they use to do even though the DD Board is doing their best to meet individual needs.**

**Billy Bob Grahn thanked her for coming.**

**Paula Finley:**

**Ms. Finley has been an adult family home provider for a DD Board consumer for the past 8 years. This consumer has now received an inheritance from her father for burial and emergency expenses therefore; her Forward Card has been cancelled. As a result, the consumer cannot receive new glasses or a medical card. Ms. Kane told Ms. Finley to contact the consumer's case manager. Ms. Kane thanked her for coming and recommended for all to "pay careful attention to estate planning".**

**Nancy Jones:**

**Ms. Jones is from Lutheran Social Services Enrichment Center. The funding received from the DD Board is for community outings. They have had 72 opportunities to visit different locations in the community.**

**Mr. Jones thanked the Board for their support.**

Several others attended but wished not to speak.

Chair Jensen thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone the County Board Public Hearing is Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. at the Court House.

Karen Harden, Director of Program Services from REM Wisconsin sent a letter prior to the DD Board Public Hearing stating she would be unable to attend. In the letter she's concerned, like everyone else, the rising cost of food, utilities and rent. Their staff makes minimum wage, use their own vehicle for work and are reimbursed at a rate of \$.43 cent per mile (federal average is \$.55 cents per mile), and with the minimum wage is going up on July 24, 2009 to \$7.25. This is wonderful for our employees it eats away at REM's funds. Areas that REM may be forced to decrease are transportation and outings. Both of which they feel are important part of quality of life.

Ms. Harden went on to say that the State regulations have made changes that affect their operations. The two regulations will cost each home approximately \$1,500 annually. The new regulations are:

All sink areas shall have dispensers for single use paper towels, cloth towel dispensing units that are enclosed for protection against being soiled or electric dryers.

All exit passageways and stairways shall be provided with emergency egress lighting with a stand-by power source, along with all required exit signs be lighted at all times.

Ms. Harden went on to thank the Board for support of people with disabilities in Rock County.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Connie Martin  
Staff Assistant to the Director

