

Minutes

A special meeting was held by the Department of Human Services Committee on Monday, August 24, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherman Erlandson at 9:00 a.m. Proper public notice was given.

Audience to Visitors

There were no visitors.

Review of the 2016 Proposed Department Budget

Eitland extended a huge thank you to the four managers present for their work in preparing the 2016 proposed budget.

Eitland stated the 2015 budget was \$2,656,151 of levy dollars with \$400,000 of Ho Chunk dollars put toward mental health court committed costs. Eitland stated the 2016 proposed budget is \$2,652,577 which is \$3,574 under the 0% increase in levy request issued by Finance. Eitland stated she sends out letters in July of each year requesting provider rates for the next year. Eitland stated most agencies came in at 0% but some had up to a 7% increase as they had not had any increase in many years. Eitland stated we have been able to increase revenue because we are able to receive grants and new programs. Eitland stated there is no way the Department could come in under budget if we didn't have these new programs that come with revenue. Eitland stated there are no salaries, benefits or retirement included in this budget per the instructions from Finance.

Eitland went over the funds by line item: 1) Mental health court committed \$1,142,475 includes expenditures for 13 people for the entire calendar year plus 4 slots in CSP intensive mental health services. This program is 100% levy dollars. 2) State Centers Winnebago and Mendota are 100% levy dollars and we no longer budget for these facilities as they go to County Board to pay bills. 3) Eitland stated we have multiple sources of revenue and spoke of all of the different ways funding comes into the department for all the programs we have. 4) WREA – we receive funds from the state that go to La Crosse County as the administrative agency for our consortium. 5) Salaries and benefit lines are all blank. 6) Family Support Program is now included in the Community Options Program. 7) Eitland stated the Birth to Three Program is an entitlement program for eligible children. Services are provided through the Coulee

Children's Center in La Crosse. Eitland stated that a MOE (Maintenance of Effort) agreement is now a requirement. The \$160,000 budget includes levy funds, the allocation from the state and the MOE requirement. 8) Mental health services budget reflects a decrease from \$92,065 in 2015 to \$46,000 in 2016 which is a direct impact of the Affordable Care Act. People are required to have insurance and clinics bill insurance which reduces our expense. 9) A new line item has been added for home delivered meals. 10) Community Options Program – no levy dollars. 11) Under administration there is a line item for our Computer Maintenance. This helps with maintaining our internal Visual WISSIS and EWISACWIS programs. 12) AODA – another result of the Affordable Care Act is a decrease in the counseling line item from \$43,482 to \$20,000. 13) Emergency detentions - \$44,000 based on trends. 14) Mississippi Valley/Lakeview partnership – budgeted for 5 people to be in this facility for the entire year at \$100/day. Erlandson and Eitland stated it is still a major benefit to be a part of Mississippi Valley/Lakeview partnership. 15) Family Care payment – required by state law to pay a portion of our community aids allocation to be a Family Care county. 16) Income Maintenance – our levy portion of the ES consortium payment is \$164,856 – this is the same as last year and we have doubled our number of staff. Eitland stated by being a part of the WREA consortium we have enhanced our services and our Department continues to grow and expand. 17) Fraud program – the State gives money to each consortium to run their own investigations for fraud for Foodshare, Childcare and Badgercare. 18) Family & Children's – Eitland stated this is a large portion of our levy dollars for 2015. 19) Independent Living – Eitland stated that per the 2016 state budget Independent Living Services are going to be operated by a regional entity. 20) Youth Aids – amount reflects data trends for the number of juveniles in out of home care and some of the salary of our staff. 21) Coordinated Services Team (CST) – state allocation of \$60,000. 22) Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) – new sum sufficient community AODA and mental health regional program. Eitland stated there are no levy dollars in this program. We budgeted \$300,000. Eitland stated that during reconciliation and audits, the CCS program may make us look over budget on paper because of the delayed payments from medical assistance but the program is self-sustaining. 23) Community Support Program (CSP) – these are pass through dollars. 24) ADRC – Eitland stated our dollar amount is down at the ADRC because we previously had a social worker who was part time but was grandfathered in for health insurance. No levy dollars involved in the ADRC. 25) Foundation Program – Eitland stated a Foundation Program was created at our Department in 2009 when we had revenue over expenses. Eitland stated this program pays for incidental costs that don't fit in anywhere else. Eitland stated our carryover was \$75,000 and we still have a balance of approximately \$60,000.

Eitland stated this budget includes grants, allocations, revenue and income and does not include salaries or benefits. Eitland stated two public hearings have been held with no

attendance other than staff. Erlandson stated he felt the Human Services budget must be the most complicated budget to put together in the entire county. The Committee thanked Eitland and the managers for a job well done on the budget proposal.

Motion made by McCoy to submit the proposed budget to the County Clerk's office and then to the Finance Committee. Second by Cox. Motion carried.

Motion made by Redington to adjourn. Second by Richardson. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by,

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Sherman Erlandson
Frank McCoy
Dianne Radcliffe
Shawn Redington
Brian Richardson
Maynard Cox
Mary Bringe

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jay Vosseteig
Dennis Brault

OTHERS PRESENT

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