

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

17 August 2007 Meeting

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – The meeting of the Adams County Health & Human Services Board was called to order at 1:15 P.M. in the Richard C. Holt Conference Room of the Health & Human Services building in Friendship. Those in attendance included Chairperson Bev Ward, Maureen Bruce, Pat Townsend, Joyce Kirsenlohr, and Al Sebastiani (for Jerry Kotlowski). Board members Jerry Kotlowski, Jeanne Heideman, and Teresa Harvey-Beversdorf were excused.

**Staff Present** – Linda McFarlin, R.N., M.A., Health Officer, Carol Johnson, Aging Unit Director, Mandy Stanley, CSW, Youth Services Manager, Sandra Wormet, Economic Support Services/W-2 Program Manager, Wendy L. Pierce, Financial Manager, and Eric G. Furtkamp, Ph.D., Director.

**Others Present** – None

**Approval of Agenda and Compliance with Open Meetings Law** – A motion was made by Ms. Townsend and seconded by Ms. Bruce to approve the agenda as published and to certify compliance with the Open Meetings Law. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

**Public Participation** – None

**Public Hearing** – Ms. Ward recessed the Health & Human Services Board meeting so that a public hearing could be held regarding: the 2008 budget for the Health & Human Services Department, the allocation and expenditure of Wisconsin Department of Transportation funds allocated to Adams County under \$85.21, Wisconsin Statutes, for specialized transportation services for the elderly and handicapped, and the 2007-2008 Adams County Aging Unit Plan for Older People. Notice of the hearing was published in the Adams County Times/Friendship Reporter newspaper on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and written comments will be accepted until 20 August 2007, when the budget request is due in the office of the Administrative Coordinator/Director of Finance.

During the public hearing, Board members asked general questions regarding the budget, aging plan, and transportation program. No one from the general public attended the hearing. In addition, no written or oral requests for information have yet been received. Ms. Ward declared the public hearing closed and reconvened the Health & Human Services Board meeting.

**Correspondence** – None

### Items for Discussion and Action

*Review and approval of the proposed 2008 Health & Human Services Department budget.* Staff and HHS Board members discussed a number of specific issues regarding the 2008 department budget request as presented. Mr. Sebastiani noted that the HHS budget was scheduled for presentation to the Administration and Finance Committee on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ward indicated that she could attend and Ms. McFarlin noted that she would be on vacation at that time. A number of Board members and staff commented on the effects of the draconian cuts expected of the department, and expressed concerns regarding eliminating a number of “safety nets” in place for county residents. There was discussion among Board

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members regarding adjustment of the percentage of levy increase requested in the budget submission, but no motion was made and no other guidance given. There was also considerable discussion regarding the possibility of restoration of some or all of the proposed reductions in the event that a switch to a fully-funded health insurance program is accomplished county-wide. Dr. Furtkamp reiterated his thanks to the managers of the department for their struggles and achievement in developing the budget and to the members of the Health & Human Services Board for their support of department programs and goals. A motion was made by Ms. Kirslenlohr and seconded by Ms. Townsend to approve proposed 2008 Health & Human Services budget as presented, under the conditions established by the Administrative Coordinator/Director of Finance and Administration and Finance Committee. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

**Committee Discussion** – Identification of other potential agenda items for future meetings. The Board identified the following issues: update regarding budget status.

**Confirmation of Next Meeting Date** – Next regular meeting 14 September 2007 at 10:00 A.M.

**Adjournment** – A motion was made by Ms. Bruce and seconded by Ms. Townsend to adjourn at 2:15 P.M. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric G. Furtkamp, Ph.D.  
Director

**THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**