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MINUTES
COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Health & Human Services Board was called to order at 9:34 a.m., by Chair J. Robert Curtis, DVM. The meeting was legally advertised, and a quorum was present.

II. ROLL

An attendance sheet was distributed by Gretchen Halvorsen.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Robert Curtis, DVM; Tim O'Neil, MD; Jack Sanderson; Robert Lane; Mary Cupery; Jan Gardner, RN; JoAnn Wingers; Susan Goethel, Charles Boursier, MD.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE STAFF PRESENT: Erik Pritzl; Cathy Karls; Wendy Metcalf, Dennis Wittig, Susan Lorenz, Gretchen Halvorsen.

III. AGENDA/ADDITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SEPTMEBER 11, 2007 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Motion by Susan Goethel, second by Jack Sanderson. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2007 MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD, AS WELL AS THE JULY 10, 2007 MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING .

Motion by Dr. O'Neil, second by Mary Cupery. Motion carried unanimously.

V. CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, BUDGET TRANSFERS, OUTLAY CHANGES, RESOLUTIONS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Health & Human Services Director Erik Pritzl presented two new contract, eight addenda, one appropriation entry, the Health Services Report, Commission on Aging Financial Report, and the H&HS Statement of Receipt and Expenditures, all dated 7/31/07 to the Board for approval.

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, APPROPRIATION ENTRY AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED, AND TO PLACE THEM AS ATTACHMENTS TO THE MINUTES.

Motion by Jack Sanderson, second by Mary Cupery. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMISSION ON AGING

Commission on Aging Director Dennis Wittig reported on the 2008 Aging Plan amendments that need to be submitted to the State by October 15, describing the agency's plans for the expansion of the transportation program within the county and plans for emergency preparedness in case of a natural or manmade disaster. Dennis advised the Board that meals purchased through August of '07 are down 20.6% from the same period last year.

VII. FRAUD PREVENTION INITIATIVE (FPI) PILOT PROJECT

Economic Support Division Administrator Wendy Metcalf reported that the State has agreed to appoint Columbia County the Fiscal Agent for a consortium of seven counties to pilot a new fraud program for the State which will become mandatory for all counties in 2009. Under the pilot program, there will no longer be a limit on the number of referrals that can be made to the fraud contractor for investigation. The county will continue to earn 15% of the money recovered in these cases, and, will also earn additional money as the Fiscal Agent.

VIII. ACTION ON REPLACEMENT POSITIONS – 1 SOCIAL WORKER, 1 HUMAN SERVICES AIDE

Director Pritzl presented a request to replace a social worker in the Division of Children & Family who posted into the Mental Health/AODA social work position that was posted in August. There is money in the budget for this position.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE REQUESTED SOCIAL WORKER POSITION AS PRESENTED.

Motion by JoAnn Wingers, second by Jan Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Pritzl presented a request to replace a Human Services Aide who moved into the vacant Human Services Aide position for the Division of Aging & Long Term Care Support. There is money in the budget for this position.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE REQUESTED HUMAN SERVICES AIDE POSITION AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Dr. O'Neil, second by Susan Goethel. Motion carried unanimously.

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IX. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Public Health Officer Susan Lorenz announced that a Flu Clinic has been scheduled for October 5 at the LEC Building. Susan reported that she already has 300 doses for the clinic. Susan also reported on the Mass Clinic "Plan B" meeting held recently with county leaders to discuss the possibility of a mass clinic plan at the Columbia County Highway Department. The plan appears to be possible and will be added to the County's emergency planning options, but not replace the mass clinic plan developed for the Portage High School site. Testing of the Highway Department site will occur on October 23 at 8:00 a.m. using volunteer Highway Department employees. Susan invited County Board members to participate or to observe the test. Susan reported on the success of the CP Rail exercise held Saturday, September 8. Some of the glitches in the exercise included radio communications, a timely response from the State coordination team, and insufficient resources related to mass communication with the public. These issues will continue to be looked at by the different agencies involved with the exercise. Susan reminded the Board members of the September 20 Community Forum, which will be held at the old Blankenhaus Restaurant, to discuss health needs of county residents and existing resources.

X. TRAINING REQUESTS

None.

XI. UPDATE ON THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) AND LONG TERM CARE REDESIGN

Director Pritzl advised the Board that the Agency was still awaiting approval of the ADRC plan from the State. Until that arrives, and until the State budget is settled, plans for the ADRC and Family Care remain on hold for Columbia County and all other counties in the State. Director Pritzl did caution the Board that if the State budget is approved with ADRC funding but not Family Care funding, that plans for the ADRC in Columbia County will probably not proceed because the two programs are so closely related and interdependent.

XII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Pritzl advised the Board that deficits are beginning to occur in the Division of Children & Family and the Division of Aging & Long Term Care Support due to placement expenses and increased service needs for existing clients. Director Pritzl reported that he has met and continues to meet with staff from both divisions to encourage spending reductions where ever possible. The Division of Aging & Long Term Support will be sending out a letter to existing clients asking for voluntary reductions in service requests in order to help reduce expenses. Director Pritzl addressed juvenile justice expenses and the Board discussed the possibility of opening the 3rd floor of the jail to juvenile offenders. This issue has already been investigated with the Sheriff's Department and the State and though it may be possible, there are many hurdles to overcome before it could be possible.

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XIII. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS/FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE H&HS VOUCHERS AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Bob Lane, second by Dr. O'Neil. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Columbia County Health & Human Services Board will reconvene on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the Brewer's Training Room of the Columbia County Health & Human Services Building, following the Commission on Aging meeting.

Chair Curtis declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lane, Secretary
Col. Co. H & HS Board

Gretchen Halvorsen, Executive Secretary
Col. Co. Health & Human Services Dept.

cc: Chair Baumgartner
Vice Chair Wopat

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