

Minutes of Langlade County Human Services Model Feasibility Task Force Committee Meeting

The meeting, in the Law Library of the Langlade County Courthouse was called to order at 8:00 a.m., August 27, 2012 by Chairman Hurlbert.

Members Present: Richard Hurlbert, Doug Nonnenmacher, Ron Nye, Kim Van Hoof, Judge Fred Kawalski, Gary Bezucha, Brenda Glodowski, and Toni Simonson.

Members Absent: Representative from Department of Health Services and Child and Families, Chris Kraggs and Teresa Steinmetz.

Others present: Gary Olsen, Robin Stowe, Keith Wolf, Craig Hotchkiss, Kim Schwartz,

Agenda Item #1 Call the meeting to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Hurlbert.

Agenda Item #3 Discuss the purpose of the task force: The Committee discussed the purpose of the task force. The purpose of the task force is to provide sufficient information for the County Board to make an informed decision about whether or not to transition to a Human Services model operated by North Central Health Care.

Agenda Item #4 Discuss study questions: The following study questions were discussed by the committee: Why is transitioning to a Human Services model being considered? What does Langlade County hope to accomplish through this transition? What are the advantages/disadvantages of this transition? What problems are likely to be encountered? A draft response to these questions will be brought forward for the next meeting by Toni, Kim, and Craig. Gary Bezucha has a copy of Washington County's feasibility study for their transition to Human Services. Gary will send a copy of the study to the Committee members.

Agenda Item #5 Discuss stakeholder groups: The Committee discussed who the stakeholder groups are, how they will be impacted, and how will they gather input from them? A list of stakeholders will be compiled and brought back to the Committee. The groups are, City Police Department, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, schools, current staff, and clients. Kim Van Hoof will work with Toni and Craig to get this information for the Committee.

Agenda Item #6 Discuss fiscal impact: Brenda Glodowski, Carlene Nagel, and Gary Olsen had worked on a draft budget for the Human Services concept. A more detailed and itemized budget will need to be completed. Brenda Glodowski, Carlene Nagel, and Gary Olsen will work on completing an itemized budget for the proposed Human Services concept.

Agenda Item #7 Development of a work plan to ensure maintenance of all current services: The work plan will be an implementation plan. This plan will show the day to day workings of the proposed Human Services. Toni, Keith Wolf, Kim, and Craig will assist in putting this work plan together.

Agenda Item #8 Transition plan for Langlade County employees who would become employees of NCHC: If this concept moves forward, then the current Langlade County employees would become employees of NCHC. There are fourteen employees that will be affected by this merger. NCHC's Human Resource Director will contact Gary Olsen to work on how this transition could happen. NCHC will provide a draft organizational chart.

Agenda Item #9 Discuss open issues: The Committee discussed how the Board structure for a Human Services department could be incorporated into the current NCHC Board membership. Information systems will need to be addressed to be sure that all the current reporting can be completed and how the electronic case files could be transferred over. Formal written approvals from the following State agencies will be needed: Department of Health Services, Department of Children and Family, and Department of Corrections will be needed. Questions regarding the scope of programs transitioned under 46.23 and employee status under 48.06 and 938.06 will be referred to these state agencies for responses.

Agenda Item #10 Discuss public hearing: One public hearing will be needed. Should the County Board decide to transition to a Human Services model, the County would need to prepare a plan for delivering services and conduct at least one public hearing on the plan prior to consideration by the Board.

Agenda Item #11 Discuss timeline and meeting schedule: The next meeting will be on September 18th at 2:00 p.m. and October 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Law Library. It was noted that the Committee is expected to report its findings and recommendations back to the County Board by October 23, 2012.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:00 a.m. made by Nonnenmacher, second by Nye, all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary D. Olsen
Recording Secretary