



**HUMAN SERVICES/
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD
JOINT MEETING**

**MINUTES
June 25, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

DD Board Chair Peer called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

DD Board Chairperson Louis Peer, Human Services Chairperson Brian Knudson, Human Services Board Vice-Chairperson Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Gregg Addie, Ed Brandsey, Jason Dowd, Cheryl Drozdowicz, Terry Fell, Linda Garrett, Billy Bob Grahn, Ashley Kleven, Nancy Lannert, Lynda Olson, Bridget Rolek, Kathy Schulz, Terry Thomas, Shirley Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

DD Board Vice Chairperson Becky Heimerl

STAFF PRESENT

John Hanewall, DD Board Director; Charmian Klyve, Human Services Dept. Director

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Cheryl Drozdowicz, seconded by Ed Brandsey. Motion carried.

DD Board Chair Peer recognized State Senator Tim Cullen, State Representative Deb Kolste, Rock County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Russ Podzilni, Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kraft and Rock County Administrator Craig Knutson.

PRESENTATIONS ON THE TRANSITION FROM THE WAIVER PROGRAM TO FAMILY CARE

Ms. Klyve introduced Kathy Cauley, Jefferson County Human Services Dept. Director. Ms. Cauley informed the Boards that there are options with Family Care and she felt that calls regarding adults at risk were more readily handled. Ms. Cauley said that Jefferson County went to Family Care in 2008 after about 2 years of planning. The provider concerns regarding Family Care did not materialize. She explained that it took the Managed Care Organization (MCO) 3 years to clear the waiting list and that though it's the MCO who ultimately decides on a member's care plan they work closely with the member and their support system. She further explained that though there were changes in services there were no drastic changes or decreases in services. Next Ms. Klyve introduced Liz Aldrich, Walworth County Health and Human Services Board Deputy Director. Ms. Aldrich explained that it took about 3 years to clear the waiting list and that though there changes to services there were no significant changes such as bringing someone to make the meals instead of having meals on wheels. She said that all the residential providers they used in the waiver program entered into contracts with the MCO. The care plans are drawn up by members and the MCO, who have taken great care to provide quality care. Ms. Aldrich stated that the best thing to come out of transitioning to Family Care was clearing the waiting list. Ms. Klyve then introduced Margaret Kristan, Director-Office of Family Care Expansion. Ms. Kristan informed the Boards that once a Resolution signaling an intent/desire to transition to Family care is adopted by a County DHS will then develop a general timeframe for the release of a Request for Proposals to select the Managed Care Organization(s) that will serve Family Care members in the County and a timeframe for implementation. The Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance must review and approve the DHS contract with the MCO(s) for the County. Ms. Kristan says that there is a choice of Family Care or IRIS. She further explained that IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-direct), which is implemented at the same time that Family Care is implemented, is a self-directed

option to Family Care, where an individual who qualifies for services contracts their own services within a budget set by the State.

Adults currently on a waiver program in Rock County will transition to Family Care/IRIS within the first several months after implementation starts. People on the waiting lists and others interested in enrollment will be enrolled over a 36-month period as specified in Statue. Ms. Kristan went on to explain the oversight of programs by DHS. Ms. Kristan then had Lea Kitz, Program Manager, Family Care/IRIS Ombudsman Program, Disability Rights Wisconsin explain about her program and how they can help in the appeals process for IRIS enrolled members. Next, Ms. Kristan had Marge Pifer, Contract Coordinator for the Office of Family Care Expansion in DHS explain how the MCO develops a care plan with the member and what the appeals process is for the member whose services were changed as in a reduction or termination of services.

Website for more information regarding Family Care:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lcicare>

Website for more information on IRIS:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/index.htm>

Chair Peer thanked the speakers for their time.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Bersell, Director Kandu Industries, expressed concern that no providers from the other Counties were there to speak about their experiences with Family Care. Mr. Bersell said that Kandu is a member of Rehab for Wisconsin and that there are roughly 70 Kandu-like sheltered workshops in the state and almost all have and rates cut and client hours cut under Family Care. Currently the client workforce at Kandu is averaging 30 hours per week.

Dale Thompson, former Director of the Rock County DD Board and concerned citizen, speaking to the Developmental Disability population, he would like to see the County get a lot more information before rushing to a resolution and feels the County needs to involve the community more. Mr. Thompson further add that he would like to hear more fiscal information from larger counties.

Avery Scheuch, from State Senator Tim Cullen's office, speaking on behalf of Kathy Brickman, a parent of an autistic child on the waiting list. Ms. Scheuch read a letter from Ms. Brickman regarding the length of the waiting list and how her child's deteriorating behavior has become more difficult to manage and how the struggle with state statutes do not permit their admitting their child into Central Wisconsin Center without the County's recommendation for treatment even if they pay for the treatment. She believes Family Care to be the solution for families like hers who are trapped by the current system and that the adoption of Family care policies would create a more open and balanced distribution of services for all individuals within the system.

Deb Kolste, State Representative for the 42rd district, states she gets calls from people on the waiting list and is convinced that Family Care is the way to go.

Chair Peer addressed the Boards as to the timeliness/speed with which this meeting and resolution has been brought up and asked who could address this?

Craig Knutson, Rock County Administrator, stated that Rock County was ready to go to Family Care in 2011 when they got the call in the fall of 2010 to delay and start January 2012. Then State put a freeze on any new transitions to Family Care until earlier this year when the State made the decision to start transitions for the rest of the Counties.

Margaret Kristan added that there is no set schedule for the resolution and that there is still a process to go through even after the County passes a resolution of intent to transition to Family Care.

RESOLUTION Approval of Rock County to Transition from the Waiver System to Family Care

Billy Bob Grahn acknowledged every day we wait is another day someone waits for services and he doesn't understand why we wait.

Terry Thomas said he doesn't think there is a rush as we began this process 4 years ago.

Chair Knudson told the boards that we're never going to get these people served unless we act. We were ready 4 years ago and every day we drag our feet the longer they wait for services and he is in support of moving this forward.

Chair Knudson addressed his Board to see if there was a motion to move the resolution.

The motion to support the Approval of Rock County to Transition from the Waiver System to Family Care Resolution was made by Billy Bob Grahn, seconded by Terry Thomas. Motion Carried.

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Chair Peer addressed his Board to see if there was a motion to move the resolution.

The motion to support the Approval of Rock County to Transition from the Waiver System to Family Care Resolution by way of a roll call vote was made by Gregg Addie, seconded by Jason Dowd. In Support of the Resolution were Gregg Addie, Jason Dowd, Ed Brandsey, Louis Peer, Lynda Olson, Cheryl Drozdowicz, Bridget Rolek and Against the Resolution was Nancy Lannert. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Dowd, seconded by Gregg Addie at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tahirih Carr, DD Financial Worker