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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN NEEDS
Wednesday, March 28, 2007 - 9:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201-B

MINUTES

CASSETTE #: 35; Side A, 001 to EOT
35; Side B, 001 to 529

PRESENT: Supervisors West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, *Clark, Rice and Coggs-Jones (Chair)

*Supervisor Clark was not present at the time of roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

APPOINTMENTS - 1

1. 07-168 From the County Executive, appointing Ms. Constance Shaver to serve on the Long Term Care Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. John Monacelli for a term expiring November 2, 2009.

APPEARANCE:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

- A-26 Ms. Rudig introduced Ms. Shaver to the Committee who then provided brief comments.

ACTION BY: (Johnson) Approve. 7-0

AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, *Clark, Rice and
Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7

NOES: 0

****Supervisor Clark requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting Aye on this item. Upon hearing no objections, it was so ordered by Madame Chair Coggs-Jones.***

DEPARTMENT ON AGING - 2

2. 06-34 From the Director, Department on Aging, requesting authorization to
(a)(f) adjust final awards and reallocate \$41,045 in available funds to three 2006 Department on Aging program and service contracts.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

A-60 ***ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0***
AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, *Clark, Rice and
 Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7
NOES: 0

****Supervisor Clark requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting Aye on this item. Upon hearing no objections, it was so ordered by Madame Chair Coggs-Jones.***

3. 07HN5 From the Director, Department on Aging, submitting an updated informational report on the Preliminary Year-End Income Statement of the Care Management Organization (CMO) under Family Care. **(Also considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit.)**
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCE:

James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging

A-75 Mr. Hodson began by emphasizing that the report before the Committee represents preliminary results. He summarized the said report explaining that it reflects year-end numbers reviewing revenues, expenditures, and surplus.

Questions and comments ensued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION – 2

4. 07-5 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services requesting
(a)(d) authorization to increase the 2007 Purchase of Service Contract with Transitional Living Services, Inc. by \$65,119 for the purpose of expanding benefit acquisition services to clients of the Behavioral Health Division.

A-161 ***ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0***
AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
 Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7
NOES: 0

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5. 07HN6 From the Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, submitting a verbal informational report regarding the Division's collaborative efforts with Tri-Corp and the Red Cross to address and improve living conditions at West Samaria. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

James Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD)

- A-187 Mr. Hill informed the Committee that Milwaukee County does not have a contract with West Samaria. Milwaukee County does, however, have a contract with Red Cross to operate the Safe Haven program and to provide assistance to the transitional housing facilities. This is made up of seven rooms that are rented from West Samaria for people who are discharged from the hospital and are in need of housing. However, the County does not place or mandate that any client of the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) reside at West Samaria.

Mr. Hill stated West Samaria is a rooming facility owned by a private non-profit corporation. The ninety-two room facility is licensed by the City as a transitional living facility. Milwaukee County does not fund any part of West Samaria's or Tri-Corp's operation of the facility. He stressed that Milwaukee County has neither the authority nor the resources to buy West Samaria, assume management and control of its operations, to dictate to the building owner the rent it will charge to its residence, or to establish how it will staff its facility.

Mr. Hill indicated that BHD staff has been meeting internally for several months to address concerns regarding West Samaria. The concerns include the general condition of the facility, the availability or unavailability of adequate security, and food quality (food is included in rent). A meeting was held with West Samaria to discuss the various issues. Another meeting was held with Tri-Corp and Red Cross, which resulted in an agreement on an action plan part of which became a memorandum of understanding between Milwaukee County, Red Cross, and West Samaria. The agreement charges who would be responsible for what. The agreement was made with the understanding that Milwaukee County does not have a direct contractual relationship with Tri-Corp. To help assist, BHD has deployed one additional full-time staff person on sight at West Samaria to monitor activities and report back.

An evaluation will be done of the needed physical facility improvements at West Samaria. BHD will determine whether the cost of such

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improvements can be funded from the housing fund established by the County Board. The evaluation does not represent a commitment by BHD to fund the improvements even if they are determined to be eligible for funding.

Questions and comments ensued at length.

- A-507 Madame Chair indicated that this item will be scheduled for the next meeting cycle. An invitation will be extended to Tri-Corp and the Red Cross to address the Committee's concerns.
- A-565 Supervisor Rice suggested that a letter be written either from the Health and Human Needs Committee or the full County Board to individuals who could elevate this discussion at the City level. Madame Chair charged staff with devising a letter with the help of BHD to the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and the Director of the City's Housing Authority. She wants the letter placed in the front lobby area of the County Board for Supervisor's signatures.
- A-573 Supervisor Johnson requested a copy of Mr. Hill's remarks be forwarded to the Committee. He also requested a roster of the Behavioral Health Division's Housing Committee.
- A-646 Madame Chair directed staff to prepare a letter to the City of Milwaukee Health Department asking them to come in to investigate the concerns at West Samaria regarding sanitation and food quality. She also suggested that a tour be set up through Tri-Corp for the Committee to visit their West Allis facility first then the West Samaria facility. She also suggested inviting the Milwaukee County-City Special Housing Needs Action Team be invited.
- B-32 Supervisor West requested a breakdown of Tri-Corp's revenues and funding sources. She wants to know what, if any, assistance they are receiving from governmental agencies for things such as the food program.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

ECONOMIC SUPPORT DIVISION - 1

6. 07-31 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services,
(a)(b) requesting authorization to amend 2007 Purchase of Service Contracts in the Economic Support Division for both Community Advocates and the Social Development Commission in order to increase the amount

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available for Energy Assistance Crisis Client Services.

- B-64 ***ACTION BY: (West) Approve. 7-0***
AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
 Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7
NOES: 0

DELINQUENCY AND COURT SERVICES DIVISION - 2

7. 07-186 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to accept Federal Discretionary Funds from the State of Wisconsin and for waiver of Request for Proposals (RFP) requirements enabling Milwaukee County to contract with Wilberg Community Planning, LLC as a managing agent for the State of Wisconsin – Office of Justice Assistance for Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) evaluation activities in Milwaukee and five other counties.

Questions and comments ensued.

- B-126 ***ACTION BY: (Clark) Approve. 7-0***
AYES: West, Quindel, Johnson, Cesarz, Clark, Rice and
 Coggs-Jones (Chair) - 7
NOES: 0
8. 07HN7 From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, submitting an informational report regarding a potential 2007 revenue shortfall due to increased State Juvenile Corrections costs charged to youth aids revenue. **(Also considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit.)**

APPEARANCE:

Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

- B-141 Mr. Hoze stated he wanted to inform this Committee about a potential youth aids revenue deficit due to a recent increased number of commitments to juvenile correctional institutions (JCI). The 2007 Budget projection of 205 juveniles in JCIs used the actual average populations over the last eighteen months, which was for February 2005 through July 2006. At that time, a projection of 205 appeared reasonable because in July of 2006, the actual number was 198 and for the seven months prior to that, the average was 192.

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Since the Budget was adopted, however, the Department has experienced a significant increase in placements in JCI for the last five to six months for an average of about 218 placements per month. Taking January's number and assuming the average to be 232 JCI placements for the rest of the year at the daily rates assumed in the 2007 Budget is how the Department estimates the deficit. The Governor's Budget Bill includes major increases in the State daily rates charged to Counties, but it also includes increased youth aids revenues that will be provided to counties. According to their estimates, again with certain assumptions, factoring in the increase in State charges with the increase in youth aids revenue would still result in a deficit. Mr. Hoze indicated that no corrective action is recommended at this time.

Questions and comments ensued at length.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

STAFF PRESENT:

Fran Rudig, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office
James Hodson, Chief Financial Officer (CMO), Department on Aging
James Hill, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD)
Corey Hoze, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

This meeting was recorded on tape. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:07 a.m. to 10:48 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Kapp

Committee Clerk
Committee on Health and Human Needs